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Planning and Zoning Commission
Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) Special Meeting
August 5, 2019
MINUTES*

PRESENT: Scott Lawrence, Chairman, Eric Fanwick, Basam Nabulsi (via teleconference),
Chris Pagliaro, Melissa Rotini and Peter Shiue

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Nerney, Town Planner, Members of the public

ABSENT: Rick Tomasetti, Vice Chairman, Doris Knapp, Secretary, Matt Murphy

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. with Chairman Lawrence explaining the purpose of the meeting was to review comments pertaining to the draft Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). Mr. Lawrence expressed his gratitude to all who participated in the hearing process; noting that insightful and constructive comments had been received from many; including the Board of Selectmen, Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG), various Town agencies and departments and the general public. Mr. Lawrence stated that the immediate task was to address comments summarized in a matrix table and determine whether such comments should be addressed in plan by way of either clarification or a change to the plan. Moving forward, Mr. Lawrence outlined the time frame by which edits would be provided to Milone and MacBroom, Inc. with the overall objective of voting on the plan for adoption at the Commission's first meeting in September.

Discussion ensued concerning implementation of the plan. It was explained the POCD Joint Working Committee would be charged with meeting on a quarterly basis to track and monitor plan implementation. It was further explained that the POCD is not a static plan; rather it can be amended as necessary for purposes of maintaining clarity, accuracy and relevancy; noting that such flexibility is recognized and encouraged under the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Commission proceeded to review the matrix beginning with comments from the Board of Selectmen (BOS). Mr. Lawrence explained that state statutes allow the BOS to recommend endorsement, rejection (in whole or part) or amendments to the plan which, in turn, has bearing on the Planning and Zoning Commission's voting procedures. A review of WestCOG comments

followed. The Commission took note of WestCOG's statement indicating that update of the regional POCD was currently under study.

A review of comments from the Conservation Commission, Environmental Affairs Department, Energy Commission, Wilton Sustainable Connecticut, Historic District and Historic Properties Commission and Wilton Historical Society followed. In addition a review of comments from 26 residents/business owners throughout Wilton was also conducted.

The Commission discussed each comment; drawing distinctions between specific comments and rhetorical comments. Recommended grammatical edits were also acknowledged. Chairman Lawrence and Commissioner Rotini agreed to complete the matrix by August 16th for submittal to, and future discussion with Milone and MacBroom, Inc. Chairman Lawrence reiterated his desire to pursue formal adoption of the plan at the Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting on September 9, 2019.

The Commission tabled taking action on meeting minutes of July 18, 2019 and July 22, 2019; requesting the matter be continued to their September 9, 2019 meeting.

No formal votes were taken during the session and the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 p.m.