

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING POCD SUBCOMMITTEE, Wednesday, February 15, 2022, 8:00 P.M.**

**A. Call to Order** was at 8:14 pm.

**B. Roll Call:** J. Castignoli, J. Kader, J. Mortimer, J. Quish/ STAFF: D. Sulkis, M. Greene

**C. Topic for discussion:** RECAP, Review of Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) chapters: Public infrastructure; Sustainability; Transportation

Mr. Quish said the subcommittee will have to decide how to allocate to consultant's time.

Mr. Sulkis said he had summarized previous meeting topics from a review of the minutes. He identified remaining topics to be discussed:

- 1) Public Infrastructure and Utilities, pages 101-116
- 2) Transportation and circulation, pages 117-118
- 3) Sustainability, page 129-138
- 4) Consistency with Region and State Plans pages 137-146 (*To be done by FHI*)

He reviewed previous meeting topics, guests, and supporting materials available via Dropbox.

Mr. Quish asked if staff would have bandwidth to summarize minutes with a narrative for each meeting and compare them to the existing 2022 document. Mr. Mortimer said the minutes contain the information needed for members to review the topics rather than staff. Mr. Quish wondered about reviewing the minutes while concurrently conducting meetings on the final items. Mr. Sulkis said that much of what the committee did is already reflected in the minutes and that sometimes discussion was somewhat circular.

Mr. Quish said that the remaining three topics are connected and wondered if a local utility representative could attend a meeting. Mr. Sulkis said United Illuminating is typically interested in knowing whether big projects are coming because such projects affect their infrastructure. He said he would reach out to UI for representation and invite Henry Jadach of the Milford Transit District.

Mr. Kader asked about the review process. Mr. Quish said Mr. Sulkis will work on items already reviewed, while the subcommittee examines the next 3 topics. Mr. Sulkis said he will be writing most of the revision while John Hangen, city GIS analyst, will update the maps. The consultant will read through draft and offer suggestions.

Mr. Sulkis said the group is on schedule despite the late 2021 hiatus. He estimated that the 3 remaining items should have been reviewed by the end of March. Mr. Kader said in his recollection, each topic took about 1 ½ meetings to cover. Mr. Mortimer suggested longer meetings may be needed; Mr. Sulkis said there is flexibility. Mr. Quish suggested an all-day Saturday offsite if there's a crunch. Mr. Sulkis noted it would have to be advertised. Mr. Quish thought there should be concurrent efforts. Mr. Sulkis said a draft document should be ready in June so a public hearing on it can be scheduled. A path must be established for getting the document accepted by year's end. He reminded the group that the current document is solid with areas that just need updates. Mr. Quish said updated sections can be reviewed by the group with feedback, with the focus remaining on the POCD document as a planning and not an implementation tool.

The group discussed various meeting possibilities. After some discussion, which included an agreement to continue subcommittee meetings via Zoom, the group decided to schedule the meeting in conjunction with the Regulations Subcommittee on 2/23.

**D. Members suggestions**--None

**E. Minutes** from 7/14/21, 9/28/21, 10/6/22, 10/7/21, and 2/9/22 were approved unanimously.

**F. Adjournment** was at 9:08.