

**SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION
POCD WORKSHOP
MEETING #7**

**GROTON PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (POCD) AND
MUNICIPAL COASTAL PROGRAM UPDATES**

NOVEMBER 19, 2014 - 5:30 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX – 134 GROTON LONG POINT ROAD, GROTON, CT
COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Acting Chairman Pritchard called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Regular members present: Pritchard, Kane (6:07), Munn, Steinford
Alternate members present: Fitzgerald, Tarbox, Zod (5:40)
Absent: Sherrard
Staff present: Reiner, Jones, Glemboski, Silsby

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2014

MOTION: To approve the minutes of October 14, 2014, as amended.

Motion made by Steinford, seconded by Fitzgerald, so voted in favor, 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Munn).

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review Draft POCD – Future Land Use Map and Theme Outlines

Staff distributed a list of items that are different from the 2002 Future Land Use Plan. The items were reviewed as follows:

SPECIAL FOCUS AREAS

- The Commission discussed adding a Noank Special Focus Area. They decided to continue identifying Noank as a node.
- Add the Groton Public Library, Claude Chester School, Groton Senior Center and the Groton Family Farm to the Poquonnock Bridge Focus area.

NODES

- Revise the definition to indicate Node boundaries aren't hard and fast and should be considered planning areas.
- All boundary circles should be full circles. (Add this information in the Key.)

AGRICULTURAL LANDS

- Designate and cross-hatch areas that are really used as farms including tree farms. Do not show a property to be agricultural use just because it has a 490 tax abatement.
- Staff will draft a map showing future agricultural use for the Commission's review.

CONNECTIONS

Road Connections:

- Remove the proposed connection from Route 1 to Drozdyk Drive.
- Keep connection from Antonino Road to Buddington Road.
- Keep Fieldcrest area connector road. Because of safety concerns, move the arrow up to Godfrey Road. Adjust connection from Whittle Street to connect to Godfrey Road rather than Yetter Road.
- Keep connection road from Crosswinds Drive to Fishtown Road
- Add connection from Briar Hill Road to Pleasant Valley Road North.

Trail Connections

- Add a bikeway along Route 1 from Groton Long Point Road to Allyn Street.

OPEN SPACE CORRIDORS

No changes.

USE CHANGES

- Relook at NMDD regulations. Streamline the permitting process administratively.
- Do not change Hazelnut Hill Road area to residential. Leave as industrial.

The next POCD Workshop will be held on December 9, 2014. The document outline distributed tonight will be discussed at that meeting in December.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. was made by Pritchard, seconded by Steinfeld, so voted unanimously.

Margil Steinfeld, Acting Secretary
Planning Commission

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