

**MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION
POCD WORKSHOP
MEETING #5**

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

SEPTEMBER 23, 2014 - 5:30 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX – 134 GROTON LONG POINT ROAD, GROTON, CT
COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Chairman Sherrard called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Regular members present: Sherrard, Pritchard, Kane, Steinfeld
Alternate members present: Fitzgerald, Zod
Absent: Munn, Tarbox
Staff present: Jones, Glemboski, Silsby

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2014

MOTION: To approve the minutes of August 26, 2014, as amended.

Motion made by Pritchard, seconded by Steinfeld, so voted unanimously in favor, as amended.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review Draft POCD – Development Theme and Corresponding Action Agenda

The Commission continued to review each bullet item in the Action Agenda and had the following comments:

Coordinate With State and Regional Agencies for Road Maintenance and Coastal Resiliency Improvements

Delete the following in the header, “Coordinate with State and Regional Agencies for”.

1st bullet – Reword as follows, “Continue to minimize and consolidate access points along major roadways”

2nd bullet – Replace the words “coastal inundation” with the word “flooding”

3rd bullet – Delete “Use the Pavement Management Program to”. Capitalize the word “Consider”

4th bullet – Reword as follows, “Continue to fund the resurfacing of roads on a periodic basis”

5th bullet – Add “Develop a plan to” prior to the word “Prioritize”

6th bullet - Delete

7th bullet – Replace the word “Evaluate” with the word “Identify”

8th bullet – Add the following wording after the word “roads”: “to limit impervious surface and use low impact development practices”

Add additional bullet – “Construct road connections, as needed”

Monitor Rail, Freight, and Airport-Operations

1st Bullet – Reword - “Work with the State to implement the Airport Master Plan”

2nd bullet – Reword as follows, “Develop a plan to eliminate the restrictive clearances at South and Poquonnock Roads”

3rd bullet – Reword – Develop a justification to request extension of Shoreline East to link with the Massachusetts Commuter System”

4th bullet – Delete entirely

Add additional bullet – “Recommendation regarding freight operations, if necessary”

Create an Overall Pedestrian and Bikeway Network

1st bullet - Reword to include “To encourage alternate modes of transportation” after the word “Plan”

2nd bullet – Reword – “Develop a plan to improve trailhead parking”

4th bullet – Add “or adjacent multi-path lanes” after “bike lane”

Enhance Bus Services

1st bullet - Add “Periodically review local bus service”

2nd bullet – Delete the word “major” before the word “employers”

3rd bullet – Delete the words “Work with Stonington” and replace with “Update and implement the”

Address Parking Needs

1st Bullet – Move to the Economic Development section

Support Marine Transportation Services

Add the following to the Economic Development section “Develop enhanced public transportation system”

3rd bullet – Delete entirely

Public School System

1st bullet – Delete the word “Assess” and replace with the following words “Develop the criteria and policies for”

2nd bullet – Replace the words “Fitch Middle” with “all closed schools”

Public Safety/Fire Protection/EMS

1st bullet – Simplify language

Town Service Providers/Public Works

1st bullet – Replace the words “needs for the community” with the word “facility”.

2nd bullet – Reword - “Review all town facilities for safe evacuation routes during flood events”

3rd bullet – Replace “energy efficient” with something else.

5th bullet – Replace “Replace the municipal” with Add

MOTION: To recess at 7:00 p.m. until after the regularly scheduled meeting ends.

Motion made by Pritchard, seconded by Kane, so voted unanimously

MOTION: To come out of recess at 7:55 p.m.

Motion made by Pritchard, seconded by Kane, so voted unanimously

POCD review will continue on October 14, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. was made by Sherrard, seconded by Zod, so voted unanimously.

Jeffrey Pritchard, Secretary
Planning Commission

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