

SPECIAL MEETING

**MINUTES
POCD STEERING COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 24, 2013 – 6:00 P.M.
MEETING #10
TOWN HALL ANNEX – COMMUNITY ROOM 2**

**GROTON PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND
MUNICIPAL COASTAL PROGRAM UPDATES**

I. ROLL CALL

Regular members present: Cerf, Marquardt, Rafferty, Pritchard, Sherrard,
Smith
Absent: Kane, Munn, Scott, Sutherland, Williams
Staff present: Oefinger, Murphy, Jones, Norris, Silsby

Chairman Sherrard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of August 15, 2013

MOTION: To approve the minutes of August 15, 2013 as written.

Motion made by Sherrard, seconded by Pritchard. Motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Bill Smith distributed documentation and spoke about the importance of creating a mission statement for Economic Development in Groton.

Bob Frink, 144 Seneca Drive, spoke in agreement with Smith.

IV. ITEM OF BUSINESS

1. Report of Steering Committee Representatives - None
2. Parks, Recreation, and Open Space memorandum

Mike Zuba and Phil Michalowski of Milone & MacBroom were present. Zuba referred to a previous memo sent out to members regarding Parks and Recreation.

In regards to Smith's inquiry about artificial turf being installed throughout the Town, Zuba will report back.

3. Municipal Coastal Plan Update

A handout was distributed as Dave Murphy reviewed maps and gave a presentation about the Municipal Coastal Plan with a focus on coastal resilience, and storm inundation (past and projected). Discussion ensued about additional coastal access, designated public access areas, flooding, anticipated sea level rise, and the enforcement of public policies.

4. Build Out

Zuba distributed a handout and spoke about:

- a) Understanding where developable land is within the Town
- b) How much development can be accommodated based on existing regulatory controls (zoning)
- c) Locating physical constraints on the landscape

Zuba reviewed maps and gave a presentation that included analysis of vacant, agricultural, & underutilized land (residential, commercial, industrial), physical constraints, raw vacant & agricultural land, residential density plan and development nodes 2002 POCD, sewer service and planned avoidance areas, land analysis by zoning, and residential development potential.

Discussion followed about the proposed Flanders Road Sewer Extension area. Inquiries were made about the sewer avoidance area.

5. Public Meeting #2 Topics

Future topics for discussion and inclusion included the following:

- a. Parks, Recreation, and Open Space
- b. Economic Development
- c. Build-Out
- d. Energy & Sustainability
- e. Community Facilities
- f. Survey

Staff stated that the November 21, 2013 public meeting will be advertised and the meeting will be televised. The meeting will commence at 6:00 p.m. in Community Room #1.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. made by Pritchard, seconded by Rafferty, so voted unanimously.

Jeff Pritchard, Secretary
Steering Committee

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