MINUTES
POCD STEERING COMMITTEE
APRIL 18, 2013 - 6:00 P.M.
MEETING #7
TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

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

I. ROLL CALL

Regular members present:	Cerf, Kane, Pritchard, Rafferty, Smith, Sutherland, Sutphen
Absent:	Johnson, Marquardt, Scott, Sherrard, Williams
Staff present:	Murphy, Davis, Trask

Acting Chairman Pritchard called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of March 21, 2013

MOTION: To approve the minutes of March 21, 2013 as written.

Motion made by Sutherland, seconded by Rafferty. Motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Sydney Van Zandt, 3 Front Street, addressed the Committee discussing the value of open space. She submitted a handout for the Committee to review.

Jim Furlong, 57 Fishtown Lane, addressed the Committee discussing open space definitions and suggested delaying the May 15th community meeting.

IV. ITEM OF BUSINESS

1. Report of Steering Committee Representatives

Bill Smith handed out copies of an article on the survey done for Stonington's POCD update and suggested that Groton also survey residents. Staff noted that a survey has been discussed with the committee.

2. Final Build Out Analysis Methodology

Project staff reviewed the outline provided in the meeting packet.

Members Sutherland and Cerf voiced concerns over the methodology and asked that it be referred to the Zoning Commissions for review, making references to draft conservation subdivision regulations prepared under the Kendig Keast contract. Mr. Zuba, Project Consultant of Milone & MacBroom, explained that this analysis is not a regulation but an analytical tool to illustrate potential development patterns and population, rather than the formula to achieve specific future outcomes.

After deliberating, it was the Committee consensus to begin the analysis with the methodology as presented, with the ability possibly, if desired, to adjust the re-run the model with different variables.

Staff also explained the difference between the development and use of flood insurance rate maps, versus the use of this type of data as to a build out analysis and policy development. Staff will provide Ms. Cerf with a link regarding FEMA's approach to their map development.

3. May Community Meeting

Phil Michalowski, Milone & MacBroom, discussed the draft program for the May 15, 2013 community meeting which was included in this week's agenda packet. The main goal of the meeting is to get people interested in the process and to solicit ideas.

Members suggested no material changes to content, but did recommend changes in sequencing of certain parts of the program.

4. Historic / Cultural Report

Mr. Michalowski noted that the summary of this information was provided in previous PowerPoint presentations. The Committee offered some technical edits to clarify the language.

5. Housing Report

Mr. Zuba and the Committee discussed the factual findings included in the report.

6. Transportation / Circulation

Mr. Michalowski handed out a copy of the edited report for the Committee to review and discuss at the next meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. made by Pritchard, seconded by Sutphen, so voted unanimously.

Jeff Pritchard, Secretary
Steering Committee

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