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**PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX, 57 MAIN STREET, ELLINGTON, CT**

PRESENT: Vice Chairman Sean Kelly, James Gage, Robert Sandberg, Jr., David Hurley, Christopher Weitz (arrived at 7:04 pm) and Shawn Koehler (arrived at 7:12 pm)

ABSENT: Chairman William Hogan and Hocine Baouche

STAFF: Barbra Galovich, Land Use Assistant

OTHERS

PRESENT: Donald Poland and Steve Kushner of Goman & York and Tom Palshaw of 120 Pinney Street, Ellington, CT

I. CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairman Sean Kelly called the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) Update Committee meeting to order at 7:03 PM in the Town Hall Annex, 57 Main Street, Ellington, CT.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS (ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS): None

III. ACTIVE BUSINESS:

1. Plan of Conservation and Development Comprehensive Review and Update Project.
 - a. Review and discuss: Draft plan manuscript and input for the committee.

Mr. Donald Poland informed the committee that he and Steve Kushner received Chairman Hogan's suggestions pertaining to the draft manuscript. He discussed a few of Chairman Hogan's areas of concerns. Vice Chairman Kelly stated he feels the main areas of concern are the town's open space and farmland. Mr. Weitz said the new Director of Parks and Recreation will be starting soon and he will inquire to see if they have a Master Plan. Mr. Kushner suggested to the committee to look over the old plan with their commissions and relay any of their concerns to Lisa Houlihan to share with Goman & York.

Mr. Koehler stated there is a strong integration between Planning & Zoning Commission and Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA). He said the WPCA has been looking at different areas of town that need to have further development and Vernon sewer plant is going through a major update. Mr. Poland suggested adding some language in the POCD referring to the sewers within the town.

Mr. Palshaw mentioned the park off of Pinney Street, which was originally reserved as a conservation area. The area has been turned into a park utilized by organized athletics, which is not being considered open space.

Mr. Poland reviewed the workforce housing, Section 8-30g state statute, and the elderly housing-affordability provisions within the town. He said they will be working on the road classification map.

b. Next steps and open discussion.

Mr. Poland requested Ms. Galovich to forward the committee a copy of Mr. Hogan's edited draft manuscript to review. Goman & York will be providing the committee with a revised draft POCD showing changes to the narrative portion and adding the graphics for their March meeting. The Committee agreed to move the March 7th meeting to March 14, 2019.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

1. Approval of October 4, 2018 regular meeting minutes.

MOVED (KELLY) SECONDED (HURLEY) AND PASSED (WEITZ ABSTAINED) TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 4, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

2. Approval of November 1, 2018 regular meeting minutes.

MOVED (GAGE) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 1, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

3. Approval of December 6, 2018 regular meeting minutes.

MOVED (HURLEY) SECONDED (WEITZ) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 6, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (HURLEY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE COMMITTEE MEETING AT 8:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbra Galovich, CZET
Recording Secretary