



PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT (POCD) STEERING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES **4:30 P.M – 6:30 P.M.**

WEDNESDAY May 09, 2018

**Branford Town Hall Basement Conference Room
1019 Main Street.**

Staff Present: H. Smith- Town Planner, R. Stoecker Assistant Town Planner

Plan of Conservation & Development Steering Committee Members Present:

P. Basserman, G. Renz, M. Palluzzi, T. Elton, B. Ricoszi, P. Carloni, J. Chadwick, B. Horne

Absent – V. Hanchuruck, J. Lust , C. Lezon

Glenn Chalder – Planimetrics, 70 Country Road, Simsbury, CT) Town Consultant for the Plan of Conservation & Development.

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M . by Chairman P. Carloni and would include the continued review of the draft plan that has been distributed to the Steering Committee members..
2. Minutes of May 1, 2018 – The minutes were reviewed. P. Basserman made a motion to approve the minutes, B. Horne seconded the motion as presented which were unanimously approved by the Steering Committee.
3. Review of Draft Plan – Glen Chalder noted that the Committee will pick up where they left off in review of the Plan and continue onto Chapter 13 of the Draft POCD.
4. Issues/Sections discussed

Section 13 – Maintain and Community Facilities

- The Community Facilities Map was reviewed. The Committee noted that the Town Center Village District delineation should be included on the Facilities Map. Additionally, Foote Park needs to added to property owned by the Town of Branford. Table (Pg 90).
- The Committee discussed in depth responsibility for maintenance on public buildings, recommended an updated Community Facility Study, and detailed the local budget process.

- Strategic Planning Committee involvement was discussed, The near term and medium term community facility needs and issues were discussed. The near term projects of Walsh Intermediate School, Community Center, and Blackstone Library were removed as they are currently in progress. (Pgs. 94-95)
- Long Term Community Facility needs sections were discussed with stronger language inserted and inclusion of the Strategic Review Committee as a lead agency (Pg.96).

Section 14 – Address Vehicular Circulation

- The Committee discussed the Vehicular Transportation Map including ways to make the map more readable. (Pg. 99). The photographs on (page 98) were discussed with changes to the headings and clarity of the photos.
- Mention of the pavement management program in use by the town was noted. The program needs continued maintenance and software/hardware updates.
- Traffic Calming issues were discussed. The Committee felt that reference should be made to utilize traffic calming solutions in high pedestrian/bike areas and areas identified in the TOD study.
- The Commission and consultant added an implementation action item that sought to monitor progress of implementation of autonomous vehicles and implications for vehicular circulation on town roads.(Pg.102)

Section 15- Promote Pedestrian, Bicycle and Transit facilities

- Discussion of upgrading of photos and utilizing drawings to display “complete streets” concepts (pg. 105) took place. The Committee suggested utilization of some of the photos used for the TOD Study.
- Discussion on section (15.2) Expand Bicycle and Pedestrian facilities expansion with emphasis on the Shoreline Greenway Trail as a “spine” for other trail connection and roadway improvements.
- The Pedestrian/Bicycle/Transit Plan Map on (pg. 107) was reviewed carefully with changes to the map to include removing potential nodes, color change for Branford Trail, Foote Park delineation, and inclusion of the built and unbuilt sections of the Shoreline Greenway Trail with link/reference to their website (SGT).
- Changes were made to the narrative for Bicyclists to encourage a broad based advocacy group to develop a townwide Sidewalk Plan. The Bicycle system should also be broad based and include language for the establishment and nurturing a system of off road and on-road routes and trails in Branford.
- Continue to promote a Trolley Bus system to connect the Village District, marinas and restaurants and train station.

Section 16 – Addressed Piped Infrastructure

- Under 16.1 Addressed Piped Infrastructure a new statement was added to be reflected on the Sewer Service Map – “Areas designated as desirable for sewer may be eligible for public sewers due to sea level rise and public health issues”. This may be appropriate as more focus is put on other issue rather than development density issues in the shore districts of Branford.
- The Committee reviewed Water Service Areas Map, on Page 113 and the Hydrologic Soil Conditions Map on (Page 115).
- In the Section on Wired Infrastructure “encourage commercial properties and Eversource to relocate wired utilities underground where opportunities exist”
- Under the street lighting section add entry to stay involved with new technology for smart control of street lights and traffic signals. LED lighting needs to adhere to townwide light standards as they are further researched. The correlated color temperature (CCT) of the light source for all fixtures shall be equal to or less than 3000 Kelvin (K).
- Under Sect. 16.2 the heading is changed Address Wired Infrastructure, language added to emphasize the need for more investment in fiber optic capacity, and explore possibilities for town sponsored wifi in Town Center and TOD study area.
- Under Sect. 16.3 Address Wireless Infrastructure The Connecticut Siting Council coverage maps will be added and mention of the new cellular 5G data technology to be able to handle the increase in cellular data requirements of users.

Glen Chalder and Harry Smith described the next steps for the POCD.

The POCD Plan will be presented at a public meeting on Wednesday, June 13, 2018. The location will be set and arrangement to be filmed by BCTV will be sought.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Minutes prepared by Rich Stoecker, Assistant Planner