

(Working notes)

**TOWN OF ROCKY HILL  
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2011**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Tony DiLorenzo called the Wednesday, September 7, 2011 meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. in the Town Council Room of the Rocky Hill Town Hall, 761 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

Present:        Tony DiLorenzo, Chairman  
                  Barry Goldberg, Vice Chairman  
                  Ron Angelo, Sr., Secretary  
                  Henry Vassel, Commissioner

Alternates:    Joe Kochanek  
                  Peter Arico

Also:            Kimberley A. Ricci, Dir. Planning and Building/Asst. ZEO

**2. REVIEW OF CGS 8-23 RELATED TO PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Chairman DiLorenzo put together a list of requirements for development of a Plan of Conservation and Development Committee as mandated by State Statutes. If they choose to create a Committee he and Mrs. Ricci agreed it should be a manageable size. He feels all members of the Planning & Zoning Commission should participate in discussions but members of the Committee should also include but not be limited to, residents as well as members of the Open Space and Conservation Commission, Park and Rec. Advisory Board, Board of Education, Redevelopment Agency, Public Works, Finance, and Great Meadows Trust.

Mrs. Ricci said at the last meeting the Planning and Zoning Commission decided to create a task force to work on updating the Plan of Conservation and Development. They are meeting tonight to decide what disciplines should be included on the Committee. She suggested including the Historical Society as possible members.

Commissioner Arico said in the past they suggested using college students and he thought people in the real estate business might also be useful.

Commissioner Vasel said he would like to see a Committee of 5 members, one Republican Commissioner member, one Democratic Commission member and 3 others from the suggested areas. He suggested waiting until after the election to see who is still on the Planning and Zoning Commission and spend the next few months gathering data and reviewing the current Plan of Conservation and Development.

Vice Chairman Goldberg was not in favor of waiting to appoint the Committee. He would like to continue moving forward with the update.

Commissioner Kochanek said he thinks there should be more than 5 people on the Committee.

The Commissioner discussed how many people should be on the Committee, where they should come from and how soon work should start. Mrs. Ricci said by law, the body that adopts the Plan of Conservation and Development is the Planning and Development Commission as a whole. What they need to decide is who will be part of the Committee to prepare the document for review by the Commission.

After a lengthy discussion Commissioner Angelo said he feels that the entire Planning and Zoning Commission should be included in the update and not just the final approval. Commissioner Kochanek agreed and suggested meeting the first Wednesday of the month for the sole purpose of working on the update. Notices would be sent out to the public and anyone is welcome to attend and make suggestions.

Commissioner Vasel again stated that they can't start work on the update until they have gathered all the pertinent facts and gathered the public's input. Mrs. Ricci said the Town Staff can provide all the factual information.

### **3. COMMITTEE SPECIFICS: DISCIPLINES, SIZE OF COMMITTEE, ETC**

The Commission decided that they would be the Committee in charge of updating the Plan of Conservation and Development.

The public would be welcome attend all meetings and give their input. The Commission would invite specific individuals with certain areas of expertise to attend appropriate meetings where the Commission could use their input.

### **4. PUBLICITY TO SEEK INTERESTED PARTIES**

The Commissioner decided to use the internet, Patch.com, the Courant, Rocky Hill Life, Channel 16 along with posting sections of the Plan being worked on on the Town website.

Vice Chairman Goldberg suggested having a questionnaire for the public on line for them to make comments about what they like or dislike about the town and whether or not they plan to attend any meetings.

Mrs. Ricci said in the past they used a departmental survey to help modify the POCD.

**5. ANY OTHER PLAN OF CONSERVSTION AND DEVELOPMENT  
DISCUSSION**

Mrs. Ricci said in the future she could add "Public Comment" to future agendas. Chairman DiLorenzo said the public would always be welcome to speak.

**Mr. Jim Zagroba of 263 Meadow Road** addressed the Commission. He said at the last meeting the Commission directed Mrs. Ricci to create an RFP for updating the Plan of Conservation and Development. He also said the back of the POCD has an Implementation Guide, which lists categories of people responsible for carrying out the goals that were established 10 years ago. He then read and submitted his resume to be on the Committee established to update the POCD.

**Mrs. Krista Mariner of 58 Farms Village Road** addressed the Commission. She said the POCD needs to be accessible to the public if they are to participate in the update. She believes according to the State Statutes the POCD must be accessible on the Internet. She suggested getting input from the Housing Authority to help with the Plan. The Commission agreed that the POCD should be on the Town's website.

**6. ADJOURN**

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Vasel to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Angelo. All were in favor, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next meeting on Updating the POCD will be held on October 5, 2011. Mrs. Ricci will try to have all the updated information pertaining to Conditions and Trends.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen A. Knapp  
Recording Secretary