

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Connecticut General Statutes empower the Planning Commission with keeping current the Town's Plan of Conservation & Development, which is a statement of the town's goals and policies for land use. The Commission approves private subdivisions and municipal improvements of land consistent with the Town's Plans for physical improvements, outreach programs, and standards for development of land.

The electorate of Old Saybrook elects 5 members to serve for a term of 4 years each and 3 alternate members for a term of 2 years each.

During the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the Commission focused its energies on developing a plan for physical improvements, programs or standards to protect or enhance natural, historical and other physical aspects of the town's scenic roads – Ingham Hill Road, Schoolhouse Road, and portions of Route 154 along its coastal loop. The Commission received no applications for subdivision of land. The Commission advised the Zoning Commission regarding consistency with the Plan of Conservation & Development for 13 Special Exception uses and 7 changes in the Zoning Regulations or Map.

The Commission works closely with other boards and commissions. Presently, the Chairman represents the Commission on the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission; David Shearer chairs the BOS' Route 1 East Committee; Robert Missel chairs the Commission's Natural Hazard Mitigation Committee; and Cathryn Flanagan is the Commission's representative to the Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Commission. The Commission thanks all for their service and dedication.

The Commission meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month with the exception of July and August, when there is only one meeting, at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall, first floor conference room. Meryl Tsagronis of the Land Use Department supports us as our recording clerk. Christine Nelson, Town Planner, is available Monday through Thursday by appointment in the Land Use Department of the Town Hall to assist with applications and to answer questions concerning land use in Old Saybrook.

Janis L. Esty, *Chairman*