

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.

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

During the 2020 fiscal year, the Commission held 10 meetings.

- The Commission finalized the update to the 5-year Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- The Commission adopted an update the Economic Development section of the Town's Plan of Conservation & Development.
- The Commission responded to requests for a report of consistency with Town Plans about 7 zoning regulation/map changes.

The Commission works closely with other land use groups. This year, the Commission and the Economic Development Commission co-hosted 2 public workshops about proposed Economic Goals and Business Areas to update the Town Plan. Presently, Paula Kay represents the Commission on the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission. The Chairman is the Commission's representative to the Regional Planning Committee of the Lower River Valley Council of Government. Doug McCracken was our point person on the Natural Hazard Plan update. The Commission thanks all for their dedication to these additional organizations and the continuing coordination of land use policies.

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. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall, first floor conference room. Christine Nelson, Town Planner, is available in the Land Use Department of the Town Hall to assist with applications and to answer questions concerning land use in Old Saybrook.

Thomas R. Cox, *Chairman*