



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK  
**Planning Commission**

*Thomas R. Cox, Chairman*  
*Paula S. Kay, Vice Chairman*  
*Robert D. Missel, Secretary*  
*Kathleen A. Sugland*  
*Mark M. Patterson*  
*Douglas S. McCracken, Alternate*

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
**Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.**  
via teleconference

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairman called the teleconference to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. **ROLL CALL**

Present: T. Cox, P. Kay, R. Missel, K. Sugland, M. Patterson, D. McCracken

III. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. **Minutes**

The Chairman noted that the last two meetings' minutes were entitled "agenda".

**MOTION** to **approve the minutes** of the 5/6/20 meeting with the correction as "Minutes";  
MADE by P. Kay; SECONDED by M. Patterson; VOTING IN FAVOR: Cox, Missel, Kay,  
Sugland and Patterson; AGAINST: None; ABSTAINING: None; **APPROVED** 5-0-0.

**MOTION** to **approve the minutes** of the 6/3/20 meeting with the correction as "Minutes";  
MADE by P. Kay; SECONDED by M. Patterson; VOTING IN FAVOR: Cox, Missel, Kay,  
Sugland and Patterson; AGAINST: None; ABSTAINING: None; **APPROVED** 5-0-0.

B. **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

C. **Committee, Representative & Staff Reports**

Ms. Sugland reported that the Economic Development Strategy Group met to discuss ways to accommodate comments received by the Planning Commission, which will be presented later in the meeting regarding that matter. Ms. Nelson reported that the Town received a grant of \$106,000 from the Trust for Public Land ("TPL") to construct the trailhead parking at the terminus of Ingham Hill, so clearing and installation should occur soon. Ms. Nelson attended a meeting at which the Conservation Commission discussed updating the Conservation section of the Town Plan. Mr. Cox reported that the Regional Planning Committee will host a webinar regarding its efforts to prepare a Regional Plan of Conservation and Development for all member towns of the LCRVCOG on June 29, 2020 at 7:00 pm. He also noted that the RPC sent a request for help in Old Saybrook hosting a meeting for Old Saybrook land use agencies regarding the work of the Regional Planning Committee regarding the Regional Plan of Conservation & Development, hopefully on July 15, 2020.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

##### A. Petition to Amend the Town Plan of Conservation & Development

to incorporate an updated Economic Development Strategy

Petitioner: Economic Development Commission Presenter: Matthew Pugliese, EDC Chairman

The Chairman opened the continued public hearing. Mr. Pugliese introduced the Economic Development Strategy Group again and discussed its consideration of the Commission's comments and the input received by other agencies and the public. He spoke of the current pandemic as a shifting landscape but that the Plan narrative can capture where we are today in the Business Resilience goal of the Plan. Mr. Pugliese also stated that the Committee will adjust the images presented in the Plan to reflect the diversity of Old Saybrook's population, and will adjust images of potential development in the Plan to appear clearly as conceptual.

Mr. Pugliese concluded by saying that the proposed update to the Town Plan guides leadership to prioritize and champion its recommendations, as well as community buy-in as recommendations are implemented. With the suggestions made, Mr. Pugliese stated that the Economic Development Commission hopes for adoption by the Planning Commission. There were no comments from anyone in the public. The Chairman closed the public hearing.

**MOTION** to adopt the Economic Development Strategy as prepared to replace the 2006 Economic Development section of the Town Plan with: 1) Addition of language in Introduction to state that this Strategy is to replace the 2006 Economic Development section of the Town Plan; 2) Addition of language in Introduction to state that this Strategy was prepared prior to and during the COVID19 pandemic; 3) Additional language in Business Resiliency section to address public health crises among the threats to business; 4) Changes in photography throughout to better represent Old Saybrook's diversity; and 5) Changes in photography throughout strictly from Old Saybrook or clearly conceptual images that present possible development; **EFFECTIVE** July 1, 2020. **MADE** by P. Kay; **SECONDED** by K. Sugland; **APPROVED** unanimously.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

None.

#### VI. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** to **adjourn** to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Conference Room of Town Hall, 302 Main Street and via Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/96382281249>; Teleconference Dial: 929 436 2866, Meeting ID: 963 8228 1249; or One tap mobile: +19294362866,,96382281249#

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Nelson