Planning Commission Minutes 06/06/2018

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TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK Planning Commission

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Kenneth W. A. Soudan, Chairman Kathleen A. Sugland, Vice Chairman Trevor D. Ladd, Secretary

Robert D. Missel Paula S. Kay Douglas S. McCracken Ibomas R. Cox., Alternate Vacancy, Alternate

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. Town Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room 302 Main Street, Old Saybrook

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kenneth Soudan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present: Kathleen Sugland, Paula Kay, Thomas Cox, Ken Soudan, Trevor Ladd, Doug McCracken

Members Absent: Robert Missel

Staff: Christine Nelson, Town Planner; Sharon Migliaccio, Recording Clerk

III. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Minutes

The minutes of the May 18, 2018 meeting of the Planning Commission were reviewed by the members.

MOTION to approve the minutes of May 16, 2018 as presented, MADE by K. Sugland; SECONDED by K. Soudan; VOTED IN FAVOR: K. Sugland, P. Kay, T. Cox, K. Soudan; OPPOSED: None; ABSTAINED: 2; APPROVED: 4-0-2.

B. Correspondence

An invoice from Halloran and Sage was presented for payment in the amount of \$91.36.

MOTION to pay dated May 18, 2018 for \$91.36 to Halloran & Sage, MADE by K. Sugland; SECONDED by K. Soudan; VOTED IN FAVOR: K. Sugland, P. Kay, T. Cox, K. Soudan, D. McCracken, T. Ladd; OPPOSED: None; ABSTAINED: none; APPROVED: 6-0-0.

C. Committee, Representative & Staff Reports

EDC-Kathy Sugland reported the meeting of the EDC would be Friday. Staff-Chris Nelson gave a report on projects in Town.

IV. DISCUSSION

A. "Affordable Housing and Homelessness" in Old Saybrook

Study conducted by: Central Connecticut State University—Sociology Program

Presenter: Prof. Beth Merenstein, Professor, CCSU

Joan Parker of Shoreline Basic Needs Task Force gave a brief overview of visions for affordable housing. She then introduced Beth Frankel Merenstein, PhD, Professor of Sociology at Central CT State University.

Handouts of Visions for Affordable Housing were distributed to the commission and public. Beth explained a study was done by students and interviews conducted. She went on to explain the demographics of Middlesex County and of Old Saybrook; Program Description, Goals of the Project, and the housing needs.

ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed individuals) is a concern of the task force as well as those living in poverty. Seven percent of households are living in poverty in Old Saybrook and another eighteen percent ALICE households. Housing should not exceed 30% of income.

A focus of the project was to assess the community's vision of affordable housing, the need and desire for affordable housing.

The Chairman opened up the floor for discussion. There were several questions and comments. After more discussion the commission thanked Beth and Joan for their presentation.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission which will be held on Wednesday, June 20, 2018, at 7:00 P.M., Town Hall, 302 Main Street, 1* Floor Conference Room; MADE by D. McCracken; SECONDED by P. Kay; VOTED IN FAVOR: K. Sugland, P. Kay, T. Cox, K. Soudan, D. McCracken, T. Ladd; OPPOSED: None; ABSTAINED: none; APPROVED: 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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