



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Planning Commission

*Kenneth W. A. Soudan, Chairman
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*Robert D. Missel
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Douglas S. McCracken
Thomas R. Cox, Alternate
Vacancy, Alternate*

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.
Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room
302 Main Street, Old Saybrook

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kenneth Soudan called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present: Ken Soudan, Kathleen Sugland arrived at 7:13pm, Trevor Ladd, and Thomas Cox seated for Robert Missel.

Members Absent: Robert Missel, Douglas McCracken, Paula Kay

Staff: Christine Nelson, Town Planner; Meryl Moskowitz, Recording Clerk

Guests: Joey Genga, Jampel Dorjee, Land Use Department Interns

III. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Minutes

MOTION to approve the minutes of June 6, 2018 as presented, **MADE** by K. Soudan; **SECONDED** by T. Cox; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** K. Soudan, T. Ladd, T. Cox; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 3-0-0.

B. Correspondence

None.

C. Committee, Representative & Staff Reports

K. Soudan reported that the Regional Planning Committee discussed a draft by the town of Durham regarding regulations of farms and the activities held there.

Town Planner Christine Nelson reported that she is working on the annual report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. Also, a public hearing was held regarding transit-oriented development.

IV. PRESENTATION & WORKSHOP

A. "SustainableCT" Initiative—Healthy, Efficient and Diverse Housing (#8) Registrants: Board of Selectmen, Presenter: Christine Nelson, Town

Planner

C. Nelson explained that the Board of Selectmen approved registering the Town of Old Saybrook to become certified as a 'sustainable' municipality.

Land Use intern Joey Genga gave an overview and presentation on the Town's progress toward achieving silver certification from the "Sustainable CT Initiative," adopted by the Town of Old Saybrook, spring of 2018. The Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University led and coordinated program development. Participation is voluntary, and certification aims to recognize thriving, resilient, collaborative, and forward-thinking Connecticut municipalities.

J. Genga explained that one of the beneficial outcomes of participation and certification is the peer sharing of resources--once certified, application materials go online to be shared on the Sustainable CT website.

C. Nelson and intern Jampel Dorjee presented a housing needs assessment, while reviewing Housing Data Profile findings published by the Partnership For Strong Communities, along with their own research findings. The assessment will be used to inform the update of the Residential Development Section of the Town Plan of Conservation and Development. Upon completion of an internal audit, the Planning Commission will be asked to take on some of the action items.

C. Nelson posed several questions to initiate discussion of housing needs, pointing out that one of the categories of sustainability is providing healthy and diverse housing.

V. ADJOURNMENT

<p>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, August 15, 2018, at 7:00 P.M., Town Hall, 302 Main Street, 1st Floor Conference Room; MADE by K Sugland; SECONDED by T. Ladd; VOTED IN FAVOR: K. Soudan, K. Sugland, T. Cox, T. Ladd; OPPOSED: None; ABSTAINED: none; APPROVED: 4-0-0.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Meryl Moskowitz
Recording Clerk