



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Planning Commission

302 Main Street
Old Saybrook, Connecticut 06475

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

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

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 7:40 P.M.
Town Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room
302 Main Street, Old Saybrook

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ken Soudan called the meeting to order at 7:40pm.

II. **ROLL CALL**

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

Members Absent: Trevor Ladd

Staff: Christine Nelson, Town Planner; Meryl Moskowitz, Recording Clerk, Carl Fortuna, First Selectman

Seven people were present in the audience.

III. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. **Minutes**

MOTION to approve the minutes of April 4, 2018 amended to change “the property” to “their property” on page 4, paragraph 7, line 4; **MADE** by K. Soudan; **SECONDED** by T. Cox; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** K. Soudan, P. Kay, T. Cox; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** K. Sugland, R. Missel; **APPROVED:** 3-0-2.

B. **Correspondence**

A letter from Tedd Levy addressed to the Zoning Commission was distributed to members, thanking the Zoning Commission for their rejection of the proposed overlay zone on Spencer Plain Road.

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

Doug McCracken reported that the Coastal Resilience report has been published, and is available on the Town web site and at Acton Public Library.

Tom Cox reported that the ad hoc committee of the Economic Development Commission met. They are helping to come up with a new economic development plan and aim to submit a draft to the EDC next week.

First Selectman Carl Fortuna spoke about Sustainable Saybrook, which the Board of Selectmen has endorsed, and which is now spearheaded by Elizabeth Swenson and the Economic Development Commission.

C. Nelson explained that Sustainable Saybrook is under the umbrella of Sustainable Connecticut, which is an initiative of the Institute for Sustainable Energy, at Eastern Connecticut State University. She has met with E. Swenson and they are reviewing a checklist of actions that the Town has taken or can undertake in order to achieve accreditation from Sustainable CT as a sustainable municipality.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. “Saltaire” Resubdivision—Remove Portion of Public Easement over 2 Lots 6 & 8 Billow Rd (Assessor’s Map 1 / Lots 82-1 & 82-2)
Residence A District, Coastal Area Management Zone

C. Nelson read a letter from Professional Engineer Geoffrey Jacobson, dated April 11, 2018, concurring with the unsafe condition of the public walkway, and speculated that repair of the walkway would be very costly. C. Nelson noted that G. Jacobson reviewed materials but could not perform a new evaluation because the public hearing was closed.

C. Fortuna stated the the Board of Selectmen (BOS) considered the health, safety, and welfare of the public, among other factors, and unanimously endorse the resubdivision. He hopes the Planning Commission will do the same.

K. Soudan proposed approval of the application with the condition that the town not remove the hedge row, but leave it as is.

<p>MOTION to approve “Saltaire” Resubdivision” Remove Portion of Public Easement over 2 Lots 6 & 8 Billow Rd (Assessor’s Map 1 / Lots 82-1 & 82-2) <i>Residence A District, Coastal Area Management Zone</i> with the condition that the Town of Old Saybrook is not responsible for the removal of the hedge row; MADE by K. Soudan; SECONDED by P. Kay; VOTED IN FAVOR: K. Soudan, P. Kay, R. Missel, T. Cox; OPPOSED: None; ABSTAINED: K. Sugland; APPROVED: 4-0-1.</p>

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 P.M. until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission which will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at 7:00 P.M., Town Hall, 302 Main Street, 1st Floor Conference Room; **MADE** by T. Cox; **SECONDED** by K. Sugland; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** K. Soudan, P. Kay, R. Missel, K. Sugland, T. Cox; **OPPOSED:** none; **ABSTAINED:** none; **APPROVED:** 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Meryl Moskowitz
Recording Clerk