



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK  
**Planning Commission**

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

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.**  
Town Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
302 Main Street, Old Saybrook

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ken Soudan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Members present: Ken Soudan, Kathleen Sugland, Paula Kay, Doug McCracken sitting in for Robert Missel.

Members Absent: Trevor Ladd, Mark Patterson, Thomas Cox, Robert Missel.

Staff: Christine Nelson, Town Planner; Sharon Migliaccio, Recording Clerk  
Also, in attendance Samuel J. Bell CFM Senior Resiliency Planner,

Eight members of the public were present in the audience.

**III. PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update- Old Saybrook and Fenwick

Samuel Bell, CFM, gave an overview of the Local Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for Old Saybrook and Fenwick, Connecticut. He explained the purpose of the plan update, which will increase education and awareness about natural hazards; build partnerships or risk reduction; identify long-term strategies for risk reduction; align risk reduction with other organizational objectives; identify approaches that focus resources on greater risks and vulnerabilities; and communicate to potential sources of funding.

Mr. Bell explained the planning process, the goals and the hazard risks. He went on to note several hazard risks identified: severe weather hazard; severe winter weather; climate related hazards; geologic hazards; and secondary hazard. Sam gave an overview of each hazard. He also explained the approach, goals, implication and progress, existing capabilities and hazard risk mitigation measures and actions.

The workshop was opened to the public for their questions, comments and concerns. One gentleman would like to see the model of the effects on the town in the future. Mr. Bell said that has been done. Also land acquisition is a concern and road access. Mr. Bell explained roadway improvements particularly on Elm Street, Boston Post Road, Maple Avenue and on other town roads. The Town needs engineering and designs for roads.

After more discussion, Sam continued with explaining the plan update. He talked about Secondary Hazards and mentioned some of the dams in Old Saybrook. He also talked about funding such as grants. After some more discussion, the chairman thanked Mr. Bell for his presentation. The draft plan will be updated to reflect comments; it is currently under review by CT-DEMUS.

#### IV. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

##### A. **Minutes**

There was one correction to the June 5, 2019 minutes. It had stated on the motion on page 2: Opposed: R. Missel. It should have said Opposed: P. Kay.

**MOTION** to approve the minutes of June 5, 2019 meeting as corrected; **MADE** by D. McCracken; **SECONDED** by K Sugland; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** K. Soudan, K. Sugland, P. Kay, D. McCracken; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** none; **APPROVED:** 4-0-0.

##### B. **Correspondence**

There was a memorandum to Carl Fortuna from the Planning Commission regarding Sidewalk Standards.

##### B. **Announcement**

The July 3, 2019 meeting of the Planning Commission will be Cancelled.

#### V. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. until Wednesday, July 17, 2019, at 7:00 P.M., Town Hall, 302 Main Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room; **MADE** by D. McCracken; **SECONDED** by K. Sugland; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** K. Soudan, K. Sugland, P. Kay, D. McCracken; **OPPOSED:** none; **ABSTAINED:** none; **APPROVED:** 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Migliaccio  
Recording Clerk