

**EAST LYME PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING I
Tuesday, DECEMBER 7th, 2010
MINUTES**

The East Lyme Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on the Town of East Lyme 2009 Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) Amendments to Chapter 5, Section 5.1 Open Space and Chapter 3, Section 3.3 Mixed Use/Affordable Housing on December 7, 2010 at Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Ave., Niantic, CT. Chairman Bowers opened the continued Public Hearing and called it to order at 7:30 PM after a previously scheduled Special Meeting.

PRESENT: Mike Bowers, Chairman, George McPherson, Secretary, Francine Schwartz, Brian Schuch, Frank Balantic, Alternate, Joan Bengtson, Alternate

ALSO PRESENT: Brian Bohmbach, Alternate
Attorney Mark Block, Town Counsel
Attorney Edward O'Connell, Town Counsel
Gary Goeschel, Planning Director

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Dec 13, 2010 AT 9:55 **M**

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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

ABSENT: Mike Mangelinkx, Chris Sandford

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was previously observed.

Chairman Bowers noted that he had seated Frank Balantic Alternate and Joan Bengtson, Alternate at the table this evening.

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1. Application of the Town of East Lyme 2009 Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) Amendments to Chapter 5, Section 5.1 Open Space and Chapter 3, Section 3.3 Mixed Use/Affordable Housing

Mr. Bowers asked Mr. Goeschel if he had received any further comments.

Mr. Goeschel said that Mark Christiansen and Tom Kalal had submitted a letter with information on the Agricultural Business in the Town and advocated that they follow the recommendation from the LUV Study and create an Agricultural overlay zone.

Mr. Bowers questioned if it should be in the POCD or as part of the Subdivision Regulations as it sounded like it could be either.

Mr. Goeschel said that it is a little bit of both. He added that they had also heard from Marcy Balint of OLISP and that her comments referred to the Niantic River Watershed. She also commented on open space and he thought that they could incorporate some language on that in next years' changes.

Mr. Bowers said that he looks at all of the comments as supporting what they are doing regarding agriculture and the DEP.

Mr. Bowers then called for any further comments from the Commissioners or from the public --

Mr. Goeschel suggested that in Section 5.3 that they delete the highlighted line and that the formatting be fixed for item 6 on the following page so that items 7 and 8 are part of item 6 as they were intended to be.

Hearing no further comments -

Mr. Bowers called for a motion to close this Public Hearing --

****MOTION (1)**

Ms. Bengtson moved to close this Public Hearing.

Ms. Schwartz seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Mr. Bowers closed this Public Hearing at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zmitruk,
Recording Secretary