

APPROVED

PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 30, 2011
Mulvey Municipal Center – Multi-Media Room

Members Present: Marilyn Ozols, Chairman; Bill Neale, Vice Chairman; Phil Bassett, Secretary; Carole Ketelsen; Ashley Jones; Marie Farrell (alt.); Lisbeth Waldron(alt.)

Also Present: Meg Parulis, Town Planner; Jason Vincent, Planimetrics; Glenn Chalder, Planimetrics.

1. Adoption of Westbrook Plan of Conservation and Development

Chairman Ozols called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. Since all regular members were present, no alternates were seated. Ms. Ozols noted that the public hearing on adoption of the plan had been conducted on June 27th. She called the Commission's attention to the revised Addendum, dated 6/29/11, prepared by Mr. Vincent showing all the changes as discussed at the public hearing. Mr. Vincent indicated that there was one additional text change that needed to be made to reflect the elimination of the through road between Halls Rd. and E. Pond Meadow. Ms. Ozols asked if Commission members had any other changes or omissions. Mr. Bassett noted a typographical error in the paragraph concerning Town Center (p. 100). Hearing no other corrections, Ms. Ozols called for a motion to adopt the Plan.

Mr. Neale made the following motion:

WHEREAS, the CT River Estuary Regional Planning Agency, in its letter dated May 10, 2011 has found the Plan *consistent with regional and state goals and priorities and incorporates the responsible growth policies which are directed at efficient growth that protects the special character of the area and the Town of Westbrook, and*

WHEREAS, the CT Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Long Island Sound Programs, in their letter dated June 27, 2011, has found the Plan *generally consistent with the applicable policies and standards of the CT Coastal Management Act, and*

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Westbrook, at its meeting on June 27th, endorsed the draft Plan of Conservation and Development dated April 21, 2011 and subsequent Addendum dated June 22, 2011 with recommendations. Changes recommended by the Board of Selectmen, along with those made by the Planning Commission as a result of public comment received at the public hearing held on June 27th, have been incorporated in the Addendum dated June 29, 2011.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Westbrook Planning Commission, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Section 8-23 of the CT General Statutes, hereby adopts the 2011 Plan of Conservation and Development as revised by the Addendum dated June 29, 2011 and as further revised below. Said Plan shall replace the 1990 Master Plan of Development in its entirety and shall have an effective date of July 15, 2011.

REVISIONS:

P. 70 – Encourage Through Roads – change “East Pond Meadow Road” to “Halls Road” to be consistent with amendment to Transportation Plan on p. 69 and Future Land Use Plan on p. 111.

General – any and all changes of a typographical nature deemed necessary by the Town Planner in reviewing the final document prior to publication.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Ketelsen and unanimously approved.

Ms. Ozols thanked Mr. Vincent and Mr. Chalder along with the Town Planner, Planning Commission members, and the Steering Committee for their work on the plan. Mr. Tom Elliott commented that adoption of the plan is the beginning rather than the end of the process. The real work ahead lies in implementing the plan.

Mr. Bassett moved to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Neale and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meg Parulis, Town Planner