

SHELTON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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SHELTON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 21, 2009 AT 4:00 P.M, ROOM 104, 54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CONNECTICUT

PZC Commissioners Present:

Chairman Anthony Pogoda

Vice-Chairman Patrick Lapera

Secretary Chris Jones

Leon Sylvester

Conservation Commission Commissioners Present:

Chairman Tom Harbinson

Jim Tate

Bill Dwyer

Jim Lauriat

Joe Welch

Also Present:

Richard Schultz, AICP, Planning and Zoning Administrator

Teresa Gallagher, Conservation Agent

- A tape of the entire meeting is available for listening in the Planning and Zoning Department.

Chairman Pogoda called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., did the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call and then went into the scheduled worksession regarding the 2009 Draft Open Space Plan (OSP) with members of the Conservation Commission (CC).

Worksession

Ms. Gallagher handed out the CC's addendum to the Open Space Plan to all members present for review and comment. All members reviewed the changes as noted and then started discussion.

Commissioner Sylvester pointed out areas in town where the PZC required parking and access to the Far Mill River for fishing and passive recreation. Insofar as these areas are important to the public they should be included in the Plan.

Chairman Harbinson suggested all pedestrian easements be shown on GIS mapping.

Several members of both Commissions discussed a variety of issues in the Draft Plan.

Commissioner Lapera commented on the Action Plan and asked whether or not the PZC should be included in any recommendation on the acquisition of open space.

Commissioner Sylvester indicated that he was frustrated with the overall coordination of how open space is processed. Recommended that sidewalks connecting downtown and SHS/Shelton Lakes Greenway be a high priority. Also thought it would be a good idea to have the public hearing on the increase of the open space setaside sooner rather than later while it is on minds of everyone.

Commissioner Jones also commented on how things would improve if communication were better with all agencies.

Chairman Harbinson agreed with the sidewalk linkage up Shelton Avenue and then reminded everyone present how the 2006 POCD spelled out the rewrite of the OSP and that the 15 percent setaside was also a recommendation in the POCD.

Commissioner Lapera suggested that the CC could advise the PZC of important land use areas on the radar.

Chairman Pogoda thanked all for attending today and reminded everyone that the adoption of the Draft Plan will be scheduled on the 1/28/09 PZC agenda.

The meeting concluded at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Richard D. Schultz, AICP

Recording Secretary