



ESSEX PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, March 19, 2015
7:30 p.m.
Essex Town Hall – Meeting Room A

DRAFT MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Seating of Members**

Chairman Tom Danyliw called the hearing to order at 7:32 p.m. Seated for the meeting were Vice Chairman Linda Herman and Carla Feroni. Also in attendance was Town Planner John Guskowski. Noting the absence of a quorum of members, Chairman Danyliw stated that no formal action would be taken at this meeting.

The members in attendance agreed by consensus to proceed to Agenda Item 4a concerning the update of the Plan of Conservation & Development.

4. **Old Business**

a. **PoCD – Plan Development Discussion**

John Guskowski presented the working draft of the PoCD and discussed the organization and formatting. Chairman Danyliw stated that he thought the Plan was on the right track for completion this year and questioned the Commissioners on what was missing and still needed to be included. The Commissioners discussed the need to strike the right balance of concise description of goals and detailed specificity of implementation.

Carla Feroni and Linda Herman discussed the demographic information and suggested adding additional data on housing, income, and businesses. Chairman Danyliw stated that the demographics should also be incorporated into the substantive sections of the Plan. The assembled Commissioners held an extended discussion about promotion of vibrancy and diversity throughout Town, and how to encourage that in the Plan. Approaches to this included focusing on broadening the housing market, specifically with affordable housing, and promotion of the Town's schools, parks, natural resources and adding opportunities for activities and community events.

Linda Herman reviewed the Ivoryton Center portion of the Plan, and the Commissioners discussed the priorities of business promotion and parking availability. John Guskowski stated he would make a number of edits and additions to the draft PoCD and distribute a new version prior to the next Planning meeting.

Chairman Danyliw thanked the Commissioners for their input, and noting the hour, recommended that the discussion be concluded for the evening. Given the lack of quorum, and no action items beyond approval of minutes, Chairman Danyliw proceeded to the adjournment of the meeting.

7. **Adjournment**

Chairman Danyliw adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Guskowski
Town Planner (Consulting)

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