

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2012
TOWN HALL 7:00 P.M.

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Present: Chairman Michael Orefice, Paul Roche, John Sullivan, John Souchuns, Alternate Member Matthew O'Connell, Alternate Member Elizabeth Brayboy (arriving at 7:25 p.m.) and Land Use Coordinator Polly Redmond.
Absent: Sabrina Janco

1. OPEN MEETING – ESTABLISH QUORUM.

Chairman Orefice called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. All regular members present are seated. Alternate M. O'Connell is seated for Sabrina Janco.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 1/11/12.

P. Roche **motioned** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by J. Sullivan. Motion passed unanimously.

3. DISCUSS PROPOSED SUBDIVISION REGULATION AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 1.2, 2.3.13, 2.7 AND 2.10 IN RESPONSE TO PA 11-79.

Suggestions made by Highway Supervisor, John Fredsall, have been added to the proposed amendments draft. Commissioners question the inclusion of wording on page 16: "This amendment to Section 2.7 is effective on (date) until when and if PA11-79 is repealed." LUC Redmond will contact Town Counsel for clarification. Item will be placed on the next meeting agenda for further discussion.

E. Brayboy arrives (7:25 p.m.)

4. DISCUSS TOWN AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL AND CT DEPT OF AGRICULTURE'S COMMUNITY FARMS PRESERVATION PROGRAM.

Chairman Orefice informs the commission that he has been asked by First Selectman Michael Criss to chair the Agricultural Council once it is established. There is a group of individuals who are interested in becoming members of this council but the Board of Selectmen would like to keep the group to five people. The Board of Selectmen will meet on February 2, 2012 and appointments are expected to be made at that time. Chairman Orefice states that he will attend the BOS meeting and review the role of the Agricultural Council, taken from the Plan of Conservation and Development, and suggest that the Council meets once a year after it has been firmly established.

5. OLD BUSINESS.

E. Brayboy states she has contacted Elizabeth Moore, Director of Projects, CT Farm Land Trust and is waiting for a return call from her to set up a February meeting in Harwinton. E. Brayboy has material she received from the 11/29/12 Land Preservation Trust forum session she attended and will make copies for Chairman Orefice. E. Brayboy notes that the Land Preservation Trust offers numerous conservation programs and that there is a workshop on March 24, 2012 in Hampton, CT if anyone is interested in attending.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

LUC Redmond distributes copies of the proposed 2013 budget she has worked on. Line items have been reduced in response to the First Selectman's 12/21/11 letter asking each commission to develop a zero-based budget. The commissioners review and make amendments leading to a total budget of \$1360.00.

J. Souchuns **motioned** to approve and submit the 2013 budget request in the amount of \$1360.00, seconded by J. Sullivan. Motion passed unanimously.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

Letter from Harwinton WPCA received informing the commission of additional man hole covers located on Mountain View Drive.

8. **INVOICES.**

None.

9. **ADJOURN.**

P. Roche **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., seconded by J. Souchuns. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Polly Redmond
Land Use Coordinator

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