

Present: Chairman Michael Orefice, Lee Hall, Paul Roche, Alternate Member Debra Freidus and Land Use Coordinator Polly Redmond

Absent: William Starr, Jon Truskauskas and Alternate Member Michael Rewenko

1. OPEN MEETING – ESTABLISH QUORUM.

Chairman Orefice called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All regular members present are seated with D. Freidus seated for W. Starr.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 7/11/18

P. Roche **motioned** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by D. Freidus. Motion passed unanimously with L. Hall refraining from vote due to his absence at the previous meeting.

3. WORKSHOP – REVIEW AND DISCUSS POTENTIAL UPDATES TO 2010 PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

Commissioners are in receipt of copies of the Northwest (CT) NEXT Plan of Conservation and Development adopted October 2017. Chairman Orefice notes that the updated Plan of Conservation and Development is due January 2020 with probably no state funding at this time. The town still holds a balance for the POCD in the amount of roughly \$20,000.00 which was part of a grant received in 2010. Commissioners request that a copy of the budgets for the POCD be sent to them. Discussion takes place on possibly updating the maps in the existing POCD. The Commission will be looking for input from residents throughout the year while they will be working on the Plan. Discussion on ways of reaching out to residents by mailing or through the town's website takes place with suggestion that perhaps have an online questionnaire, keeping the questions to approximately ten, available on the town's website asking residents to fill it out and send back.

Commissioners will put together ten questions at their next Planning meeting on January 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. In creating a questionnaire, the Planning Commission has to ask themselves, what are we looking to answer with it? R. Perreault, speaking as a resident, refers to page 12, *Proposals* of the 2010 POCD and would like to see incorporation of what NHCOC has said in their Regional POCD shown as Goals 1-5. The Commission questions, as does NHCOC, how does Harwinton attract young people/families? How do we make Harwinton attractive to increase the population? Chairman Orefice suggests that perhaps the high schoolers should be polled asking, "What changes would you like to see in Harwinton in order to stay here as residents after graduation?"

*Commissioners agree that the first step in this process is to get demographic information for Harwinton. It is noted that the census found online would be 2010 figures unless the Town Clerk can get more updated information.

*Commissioners ask that the Assessor share updated information on the Overview of Harwinton Land (page 21 of the POCD) including Land Use Type, Number of Acres, % of Total Land. Also, updated information on page 22 for figures on the U.S. Census Count of Dwelling Units and page 27, information on Industrial and Utility Land and Commercial Land should be obtained.

*Commissioners question whether the Assessor can be of assistance in any updates for Open Space land. Commissioners discuss whether an Open Space Map should be added to the revised POCD.

*The Building Inspector should be asked how many housing permits were issued 2005 – 2019 to update the chart found on page 44 of the POCD and update all other information found under Harwinton Housing Data.

*The Highway Department should be contacted for any updated information on new roads, page 31 of the POCD.

*Commissioners look at page 37 of the POCD Demographic and Economic Data with reference to The State Census Data Center that takes the U.S. Census figures. This site will be visited for updated information on

Harwinton Population by Decade and Harwinton Population Projections and other charts and graphs found in this section.

*CERC (Connecticut Economic Resource Center) will also be looked into for Harwinton Income Statistics.

*Commissioners question whether NHCOC has information on Median Sales Prices (page 46).

*Commissioners state that the CT Dept. of Revenue Services should be contacted for updated information on the section Retail Sales (page 48).

Commissioners will review the NHCOC Regional POCD for maps and resources that could be incorporate into Harwinton's POCD.

P. Roche refers to Affordable Housing requirements for Harwinton and what the town has to do to meet those requirements. He questions if the state law has changed?

Roland Perreault states that he will look into Profile, Demographics, Economic Data and Housing Data created by NHCOC and get that information to LUC Redmond.

4. **OLD BUSINESS.** None.

5. **NEW BUSINESS.** None.

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

P. Roche **motioned** to appoint Roland Perreault to the vacant alternate member position term ending 11/30/19, seconded by D. Freidus. Motion passed unanimously. LUC Redmond will inform the Board of Selectmen and the Town Clerk.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

Notice received of NHCOC's 5th Thursday slated for 1/31/19, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the NHCOC office. Topics include: Updated Town-Level Data Useful for Planning POCD Implementation Update and Toolkit. Newly revised IWWC and Zoning Regulations are distributed to Commissioners.

The CT Landscape Architect Magazine is received.

Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of 11/20/18 are received stating that Michael Rewenko has been appointed for another three (3) year alternate term on the Planning Commission.

New Publication "Doing Business in Harwinton" is received from the Economic Development Commission. Information on an upcoming course, Connecticut Land Use Law for Municipal Land Use Agencies, Boards and Commissions at Wesleyan University on March 23, 2019 has been received. The cost is \$55.00 per person.

8. **INVOICES.** None.

9. **ADJOURN.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Polly Redmond
Land Use Coordinator

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ON 1-15-19 AT 11:30am
ATTEST TOWN CLERK *James J. Bayan*