

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 23, 2019
FOR THE EASTON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Note: These minutes, prepared to comply with Section 1-225 of the General Connecticut Statutes, is an approximate record of matters discussed and actions taken by the Commission at the meeting, but has not yet been reviewed by the commission for accuracy or completeness and is therefore subject to change or correction.

Chairman, Robert Maquat, called the Regular Meeting to order at approximately 7:05 pm.

Regular Members present: Robert Maquat, Wallace Williams, Raymond Martin
and Ross Ogden

Alternate Members present: Alison Sternberg and Thomas Maisano

Alternate Member absent: Walter Kowalczyk

For the record: The Chairman noted that Thomas Maisano has been elevated to a Regular Member of the Easton Planning and Zoning Commission to fill Justin Giorlando's vacancy as a Commission Member, and would be voting.
Justin Giorlando was present as Land Use Director.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

3. Update on Grants and other related Planning issues:

Justin Giorlando gave the Commission a Draft Scope of Work from Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc, dated September 13, 2019, in conjunction with the "Concept Design Workshop" for the "Complete Street" initiatives. Mr. Giorlando stated that FHI will lead a two-day design Workshop with the purpose of collecting public input to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility along Sport Hill road in Easton, CT. He further stated that the FHI Team will conduct a field review, meet with key stakeholders, and draft a series of concept plans depicting proposed changes to the road aimed at moderating traffic speeds and including safe and accessible pedestrian accommodations. The proposed dates of this workshop were tentatively set for Friday, November 8 and Saturday, November 9, 2019. It was noted that this item should be publicized on social media and news sites as well as the Town web-site.

In regard to the Grant application for the CT DOT's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for a Shared-Use Path along Route 59 (Sport Hill Road), Mr. Girolando stated that the Grant would be awarded sometime in November, 2019 and that the Town (Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance) would need to sign a commitment letter in January, 2020.

Present at the meeting was Jennifer Ajobo, who wished to speak to the Commission about Senior Living Arrangement. The Chairman stated that the Commission, in its POCD, recognized the needs of Easton seniors, and allowed Ms. Ajobo to speak. Ms. Ajobo stated that she currently lived in Trumbull and that she worked with Seniors and asked the Commission whether they would allow a person to live in a house with 5 seniors where they would have an outside housekeeper, gardener and driver. Discussion was held regarding this interesting low impact concept providing assistance to the elderly. It was stated that the Regulations currently allowed only the owner plus three unrelated people to live in a house. Ms. Ajobo submitted several pamphlets for the Commission's information.

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2. Proposed Draft Easton Center District (Village District) Zoning Regulations - Discussion was held about having an Architectural Review Board and Design Guidelines; the Board to be composed of Volunteers and/or a Consultant.

The Chairman discussed the most recent update of the "Easton Village District FAQ" which consisted of one page. Several small changes were made and will be sent to the Commission.

The Chairman addressed the timeline for the draft Regulations and it was noted that this would need to be referred to adjoining towns and MetroCOG. The Commission determined that the public hearing for the revision of the Zoning Regulations for the addition of the Draft Easton Center District and related regulations, could be held Monday, November 18, or Tuesday, November 19, 2019 based on availability of O/S Consultant Glenn Chalder and Town Counsel.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER MATTERS:

3. Correspondence - The Chairman discussed cancelling the October 7, 2019 regular meeting of the Easton Planning and Zoning Commission as a couple of people will not be able to attend. By consensus, the Commission determined that the meeting for October 7, 2019 should be cancelled and that another meeting did not need to be scheduled at this time. The Secretary will file a notice of cancellation with the Town Clerk.
1. Minutes of Regular Meeting September 9, 2019 of Easton Planning and Zoning Commission- Motion was made by Wallace Williams, seconded by Ross Ogden, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for the September 9, 2019 Easton Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting as presented. The vote was unanimous, 5-0, motion carried.

At approximately 8:30 pm, there being no other business to be conducted, motion was made by, Tom Maisano, seconded by Wallace Williams, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous, 5-0, motion carried.


Margaret Anania, Recording Secretary