

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 13, 2020
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: Raymond Martin, Ross Ogden, Robert Maquat and
Wallace Williams

Regular member absent: Thomas Maisano

Alternate Members present: Alison Sternberg and Jay Habansky

Alternate Members absent: Walter Kowalczyk

For the record: The Chair appointed Jay Habansky to vote for Thomas Maisano,

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

The Chairman stated that the Commission would be holding some public information Meetings on the Sacred Heart proposal and Village District Regulations (dates to be determined). The Chair stated that these meetings be joint with other Boards and Commissions as appropriate. He noted that a draft letter of intent is being developed.

Justin Giorlando, Land Use Director, briefly stated that he had not yet received the final report of the "Concept Design Workshop" for the "Complete Street" Initiatives, a two-day design Workshop held on November 15, 2019 (stakeholder's meeting) and November 16, 2019 (Citizens of Town of Easton), for the purpose of collecting public input to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility along a certain portion of Sport Hill/Banks Roads in Easton, CT. Mr. Giorlando also stated that he would soon receive an update regarding the TAP application for the multi-use paths on Sport Hill Road.

Justin Giorlando discussed the program entitled "Sustainable CT" and stated that it was beneficial to municipalities. It is a voluntary certification program with action oriented goals that help municipalities become more efficient, reduce operating costs and provide grants and additional support to accomplish these goals. Mr. Girolando asked if the Commission would support this program and the Commission determined by unanimous consent to support this program for a sustainable Connecticut.

Justin Giorlando also discussed several agricultural programs and grants aimed at helping farmers maintain and expand their farms and reduce energy costs. Mr. Giorlando noted that he has a meeting scheduled with Jean-Stetz Puchalski, of the Agriculture Commission.

Commissioner Jay Habansky stated that the sustainability of our Agriculture, Open Space and Water Supply should be considered as a way of branding for the Town.

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: (continued)

Commissioner Ross Ogden discussed partnering with Aquarion to gain access to their properties and obtain help with protecting the water supply.

The Commission discussed several planning initiatives. Justin Giorlando discussed having a Watershed Management Plan to identify problems in the watershed. He also discussed having MetroCOG create a layer for Open Space on the GIS maps.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER MATTERS:

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting December 16, 2019 of the Easton Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was made by Wallace Williams, seconded by Raymond Martin, to approve the minutes for December 16, 2019 of the Easton Planning and Zoning Commission as presented. The vote was unanimous, 4-0, motion carried.

At approximately 7:55 pm, there being no other business to be conducted, motion was made by Wallace Williams, seconded by Ross Ogden, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous, 5-0, motion carried.


Margaret Anania, Recording Secretary