REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 1, 2018 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 7:05pm.

Regular Members present: Robert Maquat, Raymond Martin, Ross Ogden and Wallace Williams Alternate Members present: Alison Sternberg, Justin Giorlando and Tom Maisano

For the record: Justin Giorlando was appointed to vote in absence of a regular voting member.

PUBLIC HEARING: DRAFT UPDATE OF THE EASTON TOWN PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT 2018-2028: The Chairman stated that the public hearing had been rescheduled to October 29, 2018. The Chairman stated that the Courier had not published the notice twice before the public hearing. The Chairman also stated that the notice had been published in The Connecticut Post on Friday, September 28, 2018, but it was too confusing, so the public hearing was rescheduled to October 29, 2018.

PLANNING ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

Motion was made by the Chair, Robert Maquat, seconded by Raymond Martin, to add to the regular meeting agenda the discussion of the latest Draft Easton Zoning Regulations. The vote was unanimous, 5-0, motion carried.

The Chair discussed that Easton would adopt the POCD first and then would discuss the Easton Zoning Regulations. The Easton Zoning Regulations need to be posted 35 days prior to the public hearing. The Commission will focus on the latest Draft Easton Zoning Regulations at the next meeting of October 22, 2018. On October 29, 2018 the Commission will have the public hearing at a Special Meeting at the Helen Keller Middle School Cafetorium. It was noted that the POCD was a policy or vision statement and that the Zoning Regulations were the guide and/or rules for Applications in the Town. It was also noted that the Zoning Regulations need to be consistent with the Town Plan.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER MATTERS:

2. ZEO Report – None received. The Chair stated that the ZEO will render a report when necessary. Secretary to check with the ZEO Re: items on last report. Memo will go out to Ms. Grinnell regarding evidence of grandfathering for 15 Fensky Road. It was noted that a response was received from a neighbor regarding 15 Fensky Road.



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PLANNING ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED (continued)

The Commission discussed a variety of planning topics specifically, the concern of some about the Village District. The Commission also discussed the procedure of the October 1, 2018 public hearing for the draft update of the Easton Town Plan of Conservation and Development. The Chairman stated that the Commission is obligated to review and adopt a Town Plan every ten years and that this public hearing would allow for input from the public. The Secretary noted that the Helen Keller Middle School Cafetorium had been reserved for October 29, 2018 and that the notice had been sent to the newspaper, to be published in the October 18, 2018, and October 25, 2018 issues of the Easton Courier.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER MATTERS:

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting September 17, 2018 of the Easton Planning and Zoning Commission – Motion was made by Raymond Martin, seconded by Ross Ogden, to accept the minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous, 5-0, motion carried.

At approximately 7:45pm, there being no other business to be conducted, motion was made by Wallace Williams, seconded by Justin Giorlando, to adjourn the Regular Meeting. The vote was unanimous, 5-0, motion carried.

Margaret Anania, Recording Secretary