

# North Stonington, CT

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024 - 6:00pm

North Stonington Education Center 298 Norwich-Westerly Road North Stonington, CT 06359

#### **MINUTES**

1. <u>CALL MEETING TO ORDER</u>: Chairman Ed Learned called the Special Meeting of the North Stonington Planning & Zoning Commission to order on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 6:09 p.m.

<u>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT</u>: Ed Learned, Chairman, Pat Lewis, Vice Chair, Wayne Wilkinson, John Gaccione and Alternate Member Mark Perkins

**<u>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT</u>**: Mark Leonard, Secretary and Alternate Members Ben Buehler and Joseph Cherenzia

**STAFF PRESENT:** Planning, Development & Zoning Official Susan Cullen, Administrative Assistant Cheryl Konsavitch, Planning Consultant Juliet Hodge

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 3. PUBLIC HEARING:

The Planning & Zoning Commission to hear and consider the Plan of Conservation and Development for the adoption of the Plan.

- J. Gaccione read the application into the record.
- E. Learned, P. Lewis, W. Wilkinson, J. Gaccione
- S. Cullen summarized the guidelines the Planning & Zoning Commission needs to follow regarding adopting the Plan of Conservation and Development.
- J. Hodge, Planning Consultant gave a presentation on the Plan's Purpose and Authority, Consistency with State and Local Plans, discussed the community engagement, data analysis and zoning along with North Stonington's vision for the future. The goals, objectives, and strategies to protect and strengthen the assets and abilities of the Town and maintain their strong sense of community, diversify and grow the local economy, promote, protect and enhance the natural resources, historical, architectural, and agricultural heritage of North Stonington as a fundamental part of the Town's identity, tradition, quality of life, and prosperity and to expand housing choices to accommodate the needs of residents of all ages and incomes.

Bill Ricker, Chair of the Conservation Commission went over the Plan for Conservation and Recreation Lands.

Chairman Learned asked if there were any questions or comments pertaining to the POCD presentation. The following people spoke:

Anne Nalwalk – NW Corner Road Gary Annino – Main Street & Wyassup Road Bill Ricker – Wyassup Road Brian Rathbun – Grindstone Hl Bob Carlson, 1st Selectman, NW Corner Road

The Commission had questions and comments pertaining to the POCD.

MOTION by J. Gaccione, SECOND by W. Wilkinson to close the public hearing on the Plan of Conservation and Development. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 4. <u>PENDING APPLICATIONS</u>:

The Planning & Zoning Commission to hear and consider the Plan of Conservation and Development for the adoption of the Plan.

Seated: E. Learned, P. Lewis, W. Wilkinson, J. Gaccione

MOTION by W. Wilkinson, SECOND by J. Gaccione to approve the Plan of Conservation and Development with the changes discussed, effective 04/15/24. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### 5. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>:

MOTION by J. Gaccione, SECOND by M. Perkins to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Konsavitch

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