

**TOWN OF SOMERS
PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
STEERING COMMITTEE**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AT CLOSE OF PLANNG MEETING (7:10 PM) – TOWN HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Greg Genlot. Members present were Kathy Devlin, Karl Walton, William Salka, and Adam Van Wingerden. Jeff Bord, Town Engineer was also present.

II. POCD STEERING COMMITTEE

a. Discussion of the POCD Informational Meeting held on December 6, 2012

Steering Committee members reviewed and discussed the comments received from citizens at the informational meeting. Topics of discussion included cleaning up the Scantic River and adding new sidewalks/pathways in the town.

The committee discussed the pros/cons of implementing a blight ordinance in the town. Kathy Devlin is going to try to get a copy of the draft already in place for Karl Walton to review. Committee members discussed looking at other towns for to get examples of working regulations for blight ordinances.

b. POCD Update of Section 5

Jeff Bord wanted feedback from the committee on what they wanted submitted for approval in the POCD. The statues require the POCD should be updated and re-adopted every 10 years. Karl Walton suggested an Appendix to Section 5. That way, you can go back and see accomplishments from the past and present instead of taking out and replacing whole sections.

Committee members discussed what to keep/add/delete from Section 5. Jeff Bord will make and create a draft and have the committee look over it for edits/suggestions at the next meeting.

Karl suggested getting more input from the Recreation Commission for future POCD updates. There is a strong need for more rec fields and space. Committee members discussed how the 9th District Road project will affect traffic and recreation lots.

c. Implementation Strategies Update

III. MINUTES APPROVAL: November 8, 2012 and December 6, 2012

The following correction was needed in the November 8 minutes: David Palmer's name put in place of Rick Cheney.

A motion was made by Greg Genlot to approve minutes as amended. Karl Walton seconded,

all in favor, motion carried.

The following corrections were needed from the December 6, 2012 meeting:

Several names were misspelled under Public Comment. The following names are as corrected as follows: Lane Legg, Chett Ladd, Scott Stanton, and Lorraine Wetherell. In section VIII grand list should be changed to grant list.

Karl Walton made a motion to approve minutes as amended. Seconded by William Salka, all in favor, motion carried.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by William Salka to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Seconded by Adam Van Wingerden, all in favor, motion carried.