

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

**MARCH 14, 2013
AT CLOSE OF PLANNING MEETING
TOWN HALL
MEETING MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Clifford Bordeaux at 7:23 pm. Members present were Kathy Devlin, Jeff Bord, Adam Van Wingerden, and William Salka.

II. POCD STEERING COMMITTEE:

a. POCD Update of Section 5

Commission members discussed recreational needs in the town. The town is in need of more recreational fields/sports fields. Jeff Bord discussed the plan for using the 20 acres south of the high school for recreational use/sporting events. Members had a brief discussion of how to properly maintain the many fields currently in use. Soccer and lacrosse fields in the plans to be added as well as a practice/multipurpose field. Commission members reviewed maps of where the additional fields would be.

Members had a brief discussion on the future demographics and growth of the town. The town wants to ensure future families will have adequate recreational space.

Commission members discussed pros and cons of introducing a blight ordinance in the town. The town currently has no blight ordinance in place. More information and research needs to be done on the issue.

The update of Section 5 was discussed. The survey, informational meeting info and task updates will be added to the Section 5 update. A public hearing will be held after the update is finalized by the Commission.

Commission members feel more education is needed for the citizens in order to have a clear understanding of current subdivision open space regulations of the town. Citizens seem to have a lot of questions regarding open space in the town's present requirements. The committee will try to address this issue in the future.

Jeff Bord will check with department heads to see if they want to add any tasks to the POCD. The town has until 2014 to meet the 10 year requirement for the updated POCD.

III. MINUTES APPROVAL: 1/10/13

The date was left out in the minutes. Jan 10, 2013 should have been included in the heading.

A motion was made by Adam Van Wingerden to approve minutes as amended. Seconded by William Salka, all in favor, motion carried.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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