

**Town of Somers  
Plan of Conservation and Development Steering Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 10, 2013  
7 p.m. Town Hall**

**I. Call to Order**

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg Genlot at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Clifford Bordeaux, Kathy Devlin, Jill Conklin, William Salka, and Adam Van Wingerden. Also present were Lisa Pellegrini, First Selectman and Jeff Bord, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer.

**II. Public Hearing**

a. Public hearing for the POCD update of Section 5.

Jeff Bord read the Notice of Public Hearing and announced that the POCD had to be updated at least every ten years.

Jeff Bord read the names of the members of the POCD Steering Committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen in 2012: Greg Genlot, Chair (Planning Commission), Clifford Bordeaux (Planning Commission), William Salka (Planning Commission), Adam Van Wingerden (Planning Commission), David Palmer (Board of Education), Tom Mazzoli (Board of Finance), Jill Conklin (Zoning Commission), Karl Walton (Conservation Commission), Kathy Devlin (Board of Selectmen), Rick Cheney (Economic Development Commission), Dave Reed (Economic Development Commission).

Jeff Bord noted that the Steering Committee had solicited public input on the revision of Section 5 through a mail survey of all residents in the spring of 2012 and a public hearing to solicit additional feedback.

Jeff Bord explained the changes that were made to Section 5 ó see attachment.

These changes will be added as a supplement to the 2004 POCD.

**III. Public Comment**

a. Paul Kennedy, 11 Shaker Road asked what would be done with the Somersville Mill after the fire. Jeff Bord noted that the Town does not own the mill, but that the existing structure does need to be demolished after the fire. The property consists of about 6.5 acres along the Scantic River which could be developed. Lisa Pellegrini noted that the Town had tried to sell the property in a tax sale, but was unsuccessful. She indicated there is some new interest in the property. The Town is reluctant to take possession of the property as doing so would mean that taxpayers would be responsible for financing the demolition of the mill. There has been

discussion with the Economic Development Commission about creating an *ad hoc* committee to develop alternative options to present to the Board of Selectmen.

b. Alec Duarte, 48 Gulf Road asked about development behind the high school. Jeff Bord responded that the Town was building a new parking lot and sports field.

c. Lisa Pellegrini noted that the table on the last page of the Section 5 supplement titled "Provide for Adequate Utility Services" mentions "Ellington Acres Company" which should be changed to "Connecticut Water Company."

*A motion was made by Adam Van Wingerden at 7:40 to close the public hearing. Seconded by Clifford Bordeaux, motion carried with unanimous vote.*

### **III. POCD Steering Committee:**

*A motion was made by Clifford Bordeaux to approve the Section 5 revision, as amended by II.c., and send the revised POCD to the Board of Selectmen for adoption. Seconded by Adam Van Wingerden, motion carried with unanimous vote.*

### **IV. Minutes Approval:**

No minutes were available.

### **V. Adjournment:**

*A motion was made by Adam Van Wingerden to adjourn the regular POCD Steering Committee meeting. Seconded by Clifford Bordeaux, motion carried with unanimous vote.*

Submitted by:

William Salka, Secretary POCD Steering Committee