

PLANNING AND ZONING
September 25, 2013

The Planning and Zoning Commission held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at the Helen Plumb Building located on Church Hill Road.

Members Present: Anthony Chory, Chairman
Tony Silber and alternates
Steven Mahlstedt and Don Scinto

Also Present: Jamie Brätt, Director of Planning and Development
Glenn Chalder of Planametrics

A quorum being present the Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of tonight's Special Meeting was to review public comments received on the POCD's current draft and determine which of those recommendations should be included in the Plan.

The suggestions made by Planametrics were discussed and agreement was reached to incorporate language pertaining to the following:

- Tree preservation and restoration.
- Design review and signage.
- Commitment to more pedestrian friendly centers.
- A recommendation for a comprehensive planning study for the Route 25/Route 111 area.
- A recommendation to re-evaluate the current regulations pertaining to the POOZ .
- A description of "green infrastructure".
- Recommend the establishment of policies pertaining to alternative energy (solar, wind, etc.).
- Include a map indicating the location of the greenway trail within the region.
- Encourage Wi-Fi within the community.
- Traffic calming measurers for priority zones and finding a balance between congestion and traffic calming issues.
- Suggest landscaping within parking areas.
- The possible future need to revisit sidewalk maintenance responsibilities, as the sidewalk network grows in the community.

The Commission agreed to delay the adoption timeline, with a goal to refer the final draft to the Town Council in December or January targeting final adoption for February/March. This will provide an opportunity for new members of the Town Council to review the document before making their report to Planning and Zoning.

There being no further business to discuss, the September 25, 2013 Special Meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission adjourned at 9:30 p.m. with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Granskog
Clerk

