

PLANNING AND ZONING  
AUGUST 29, 2012

The Planning and Zoning Commission met for a Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 29, 2012 at the Trumbull Town Hall.

Members Present: Anthony Chory, Chairman (arriving at 5:35 p.m.)  
Richard Deecken, Secretary  
Tony Silber and alternates Steven Mahlstedt and Don Scinto

Also Present: Jamie Brätt, Director of Planning and Development  
Glenn Chalder and Heidi Samokar, Planametics  
Members of the General Public: Aaron Leo and Steve Hodson

With a quorum being present, Commissioner Deecken called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

In the absence of Commissioners Fox and Garrity, alternate members Steve Mahlstedt and Don Scinto were designated as the fourth and fifth voting members for tonight's meeting.

The purpose of tonight's Special Meeting was to conduct a bus tour through residential, commercial and industrial sections of town. The intent was to observe these sections and provide feedback to the POCD consultants, as to what were seen as the goals were for each of these areas.

The areas visited included: Old Mine Park, Home Depot (Commissioner Chory joined the Commission here), Corporate Park, Trefoil Drive, Long Hill Green, Merritt Boulevard, Hawley Lane, Quarry Road, Trumbull Center, Lindeman Drive, Westfield Mall and some higher density residential areas. Parks and recreational areas, including Old Mine Park, Indian Ledge Park, Twin Brooks Park and Tashua Golf Course, were also viewed.

Observations and comments included:

The need for more walkways and crosswalks in certain areas, such as Trumbull Center and Long Hill Green, to allow them to become more pedestrian friendly and identifiable as Town centers.

The need for design guidelines, particularly in mixed use areas, to unify commercial and residential aspects.

Whether it would be advantageous to raise the allowable building height in industrial zones.

The parking issues existing at Trumbull Center and if the two sides of the Center could be integrated, possibly with a crosswalk. There was also enthusiasm for the creation of a river walk along here.

If Silver Lane and Penny Avenue, could be more effectively utilized.

Preserving the historic residential character of Main Street.

The bus tour concluded at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

The meeting continued with a presentation by the Director of Planning on the possibility of securing a State grant, in an amount up to \$500,000, for municipal improvements at the Long Hill Green. If approved, the monies would be utilized to extend the sidewalks along both sides of Main Street and provide significant enhancements to the Long Hill Green itself.

In order to be eligible for the grant money, the Town Council will need to formally adopt language identifying the Long Hill Green Zone, as a Town Center.

Ms. Brätt asked if the Commission would indicate their support to having the grant pursued and also their agreement that the Long Hill Green be identified as a Town Center.

MOTION MADE (Scinto), seconded (Mahlstedt) and unanimously carried (Chory, Deecken, Mahlstedt, Scinto, Silber) to have the Town proceed with the grant application and also voice support for the recognition of the Long Hill Green Zone as a Town Center.

It was agreed that infrastructure plans be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review.

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Commissioner Deecken and seconded by Commissioner Mahlstedt to adjourn. The August 29, 2012 Special Meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission adjourned at 7:35 p.m. with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Granskog  
Clerk of the Commission