

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
TOWN OF DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT

Town Hall

174 Main Street

Deep River, Connecticut 06417

A **public hearing** of the *Deep River Planning and Zoning Commission* held on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Walsh. Members present: Leigh Balducci, David Basilone, Janet Edgerton, Jane Samuels, Tom Walsh, Ben Whalen, Alternate Sara Denegre. Bruce Edgerton arrived later. Absent: Alternates William Burdick and Jonathan Kastner. Also present: Cathie Jefferson (Zoning Enforcement Officer), Nancy Howard (Recording Secretary) and eight audience members.

PURPOSE: To accept evidence for or against, written or oral, approval of the draft Deep River Plan of Conservation and Development.

Presentation by Commission: ZEO Cathie Jefferson gave an overview of the proposal amendments to the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). A Committee consisting of Janet Edgerton, Jane Samuels, Sara Denegre, Bill Burdick and Cathie Jefferson reviewed the POCD and prepared the revision being proposed. State Statutes require that the POCD be updated every ten years. The proposed amendment is to update the POCD last revised in 2007. A survey was not completed this year. The survey plan from the last version will remain. The amendments include removing goals that have been accomplished; updating Zoning and Subdivision Regulations; and removal of priority ratings for the future. All goals were determined to be important and not categorized. The POCD is an advisory non-binding document. Some of the specific changes were identified.

Public comments: Richard Nagot asked for clarification regarding Map 6 Protected Open Space and the Areas for Potential Special Development Considerations. ZEO Jefferson noted that the Areas for Potential Special Development are areas considered with wildlife corridors and special consideration should be given for anything that might come in that area. Areas identified on this plan would also help with state matching funds for purchase of open space; and subdivisions with open space to abut other open space.

Peter Howard, a resident and member of the Design Advisory Board and Deep River Land Trust, noted that the Plan is an important document and the 2007 survey gave the impetus to set up some things, such as the Design Advisory Board. Mr. Howard recommended that another survey be done to find out what people think at this time.

Linda Hostetler thanked the Commission members for the work put into the Plan.

Correspondence: Janet Edgerton noted receipt of a letter dated August 24, 2015 from J.H. Torrance Downes from Lower Connecticut River Valley Regional Planning Agency .

A motion was made by Janet Edgerton and seconded by Jane Samuels to close the hearing at 7:30 p.m. Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Howard
Recording Secretary