

**Westbrook Planning Commission  
Special Meeting Minutes  
June 8, 2021, 7:00 p.m.  
Mulvey Municipal Building  
866 Boston Post Road  
Westbrook, CT 06498**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marilyn Ozols, Chair; Bill Neale, Vice Chair; and Alternate Members Sheryl Becker and Marie Farrell

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Phil Bassett, Secretary; Regular Members Tammy Niedzwicki and Eric Reeve, and Alternate Member Richard Newberg

**ALSO PRESENT:** Eric Knapp, Planning, Zoning and Development Coordinator  
Glen Chalder, Consultant from Planimetrics  
First Selectman Noel Bishop, Tom Elliott, Barbara Helander, Mary Jane Monahan, Martha Neale, Leslie Shaefer, Doug White

S. Becker and M. Farrell were seated to vote.

**CALL TO ORDER:** M. Ozols called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF PROPOSED 2021 – 2031 PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT:**

G. Chalder reviewed the results of the resident survey, discussing the priorities, initiatives, recommendations and goals that came out of those survey results. He gave an overview of strategies to accomplish those goals. The POCD was submitted for review to the required agencies.

T. Elliott said the major change that he saw between the existing POCD and the proposed is the issue of sea level rise. This led to discussion about the impact of climate change and sea level rise on the Town.

B. Helander talked about the changing demographic, the reduced number of children in the schools as well as the increased number of elderly residents.

T. Elliott emphasized the need for affordable housing so young families can live in Westbrook. He talked about multi-generational housing and the importance of revitalizing the town center and purchasing open space.

Both B. Helander and T. Elliott were supportive of how these were addressed in the proposed POCD.

M. Ozols explained that there is an Affordable Housing Subcommittee that has been meeting monthly to discuss different ways to address the need for more affordable housing in Westbrook.

On a motion by B. Neale, seconded by M. Farrell, the public hearing was closed.

**B. Neale moved that the Westbrook Planning Commission, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Section 8-23 of the CT General Statutes, adopts the version of the 2021 – 2031 Plan of Conservation and Development entitled “Proposed Westbrook POCD, Scheduled for Public Hearing on June 8, 2021”, incorporating the revisions set forth in the Planimetrics Report dated May 28, 2021. Said Plan shall replace the 2011 Plan of Conservation and Development in its entirety and shall have an effective date of June 30, 2021. The motion was seconded by M. Farrell and was approved unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen King, Recording Secretary