

**Planning and Zoning Commission
Special Meeting
June 2, 2016
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Special Meeting

Chair Grindle called the special meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission to order at 7:07 p.m.

Roll Call

Present were: Chair Kevin Grindle, Gary DeCesare, Sue Hochstetter, Ev Hyde and Randy Thompson. Also present were Alternates Gloria Langer, Ann Grenier, Wayne DeCarli and Staff Member Martha Fraenkel.

Old Business

1. Discussion: PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT 2016/Survey Results Review, Open Space Section

The Commission continued their review of the survey results with question 9, having covered 1-8 previously. The following commentary was made on the questions:

Question 9: It was not surprising that residents preferred the current lot size requirements. There was discussion surrounding whether having a large lot size requirement became prohibitive to affordable housing. Also, large lot size as an option for open space preservation was discussed.

Question 10: There were differing opinions regarding creating paths for walking and biking in areas throughout town. One idea was to create paths behind the Town Hall. Laurie Giannotti of DEEP Connecticut Greenways Council should be spoken to as a resource for recreation money.

Question 11: Most residents noted that the town's facilities met their needs. There were a number of comments stating that the hours the town hall is open were too limited. One resident mentioned creating a small public gym in the town hall basement.

Question 12: Small manufacturing, senior housing and home businesses were discussed by the Commission. The home business section of the Plan needs to be updated since it hasn't been done in ten years and businesses operate very differently now.

Question 13 - end: The largest numbers of respondents were in the age groups 51-60 and 61-70. The Commission believes this is a true representation of the population of the town. The Commission would like to know the demographics of new owners of property in town.

Communications

Tabled.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Imre
Recording Secretary