

TOWN OF HAMPTON, CT
Planning and Zoning Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2015

Regular Meeting

Chair Grindle called the special meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call

Members Present: Chair Kevin Grindle, Randy Thompson, Sue Hochstetter, Ev Hyde, Wayne DeCarli (alternate)

Members absent: Gary DeCesare, Gloria Langer (alternate)

DeCarli was seated for DeCesare.

Old Business

1. Discussion - development of community survey questions in conjunction with the preparation of a Plan of Conservation & Development.

Grindle identified the purpose of the special meeting: to develop questions for the forthcoming community survey, with proposed questions to be reviewed by our contact/advisor at Western New England University, Tim Vercellotti, Director, Polling Institute.

Members discussed the overall scope and nature of the survey.

There was a general consensus that limiting the number of questions to around fifteen total would be optimal. The type of question was considered, e.g., multiple choice, yes/no, lists to be ranked, open-ended. Hyde suggested that each question end with an "other" blank for a free-form narrative reply.

Fraenkel described the survey distribution process as consisting of

- (1) A postcard to be sent to every household to inform residents of the survey.
- (2) Survey will be available online by survey monkey, for pickup in Town Hall, and to be mailed if requested with stamped return envelope.
- (3) A follow-up postcard to be sent about 2 weeks later as a reminder.

Members discussed the language to be provided to residents to explain the need for the survey. Residents should be informed about the required preparation of a Plan of Conservation and Development at 10 year intervals and that the POCD guides changes in the Zoning Regulations. The introductory material in the current POCD and Subdivision Design section of Subdivision Regulations may be useful.

Members considered some possible survey questions, covering both current and future land uses, to be included in survey:

- What uses and activities would you like to have/do on (town-owned) open space?
- How do you use your yard/undeveloped part of your lot - what activities do you do there?

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- (How) should Hampton provide for more affordable housing opportunities? do you support zoning some areas to 1 acre minimum lot size to make lots more affordable? do you support multi-family housing (more than two units in a structure)?
- What do you like most about living in Hampton?
- What recreational opportunities would you like to have available that we do not have today?
- Do you think the minimum lot size should be bigger/smaller/stay the same?

Members reviewed a Town of Scotland Vision Survey for the period 2000-2010 and generally found it satisfactory for format and length.

Another special meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 7pm.

Adjournment

Chair Grindle adjourned the special meeting at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Fraenkel
Recording Clerk