

**TOWN OF SALEM
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.
SALEM TOWN OFFICE BUILDING**

PRESENT

Joseph Duncan, Chair
Jennifer Lindo-Dashnaw
Ruth Savalle
John Gadbois, Alternate (*seated*)

ALSO PRESENT

Town Planner Richard Serra

ABSENT

Vernon Smith, Vice-Chair
Ron Bouchard, Secretary
Ron LaBonte
Eric Wenzel
David Miller, Alternate
Jim Mulholland, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Duncan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alternate Member Commissioner Gadbois was seated for Commissioner Smith.

PUBLIC HEARING: *none*

PETITIONERS/PUBLIC COMMENT: *None*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

Regular Meeting Minutes: January 24, 2017

M/S/C: Lindo-Dashnaw/Gadbois, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2017. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 4-0, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Discuss Salem POCD implementation status

The spreadsheet providing the status the Commission's various tasks, many of which have been completed, was reviewed and discussed. Town Planner Serra suggested the possibility of reviewing the Agriculture Floating Zone regulations, pending the receipt of Agriculture Assistance; Land Use Regulations, which the Economic Development Commission is currently reviewing, or; Non-Residential Zones and the possibility of either consolidating or expanding their current respective designations.

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NEW BUSINESS:

2) Discuss 2017 Regional POCD update schedule

A final Public Information Session regarding the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG)'s Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) will be held in Norwich on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. A Public Hearing regarding the Plan will be held during the Spring and will be followed by its adoption soon thereafter. The Plan is updated every ten (10) years.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT/INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT:

ZWEO Report – *no report*

Town Planner Report

Town Planner Serra reported on the following items:

- The Federation of Planning & Zoning Commissions will be hosting their Annual Conference in March and will include presentations regarding FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) and Electronic Media.
- A letter was received by District 2 regarding an approved curb cut at 600 Old Colchester Road, just north of Rathbun Hill Road. Commissioners Savalle and Lindo-Dashnaw noted that it also appears that excavation activity is taking place on the property.
- Proposed revisions to the original proposal for the Country Pedlar, former Salem Feed & Grain, are currently under review.
- The former home of the short-lived bakery located behind Salem Valley Farms on Darling Road is slated to become an Arts & Crafts establishment.

CORRESPONDENCE: *none*

PETITIONERS/PUBLIC COMMENT: *none*

PLUS DELTAS:

Commissioner Lindo-Dashnaw announced that the CT Bar Association will be hosting an event to discuss the CT Land Use Law for Municipal Land Use Agencies, Boards, and Commissions on March 25, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT:

M/S/C: Lindo-Dashnaw/Savalle, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 4-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by: Agnes Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town