

THE BOROUGH OF BANTAM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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INCORPORATED 1915

MINUTES
SUNDAY, July 7, 2024
SPECIAL MEETING
Bantam Borough Town Hall
10:30 a.m.

Present: Adam Yarrish, Chair
Pete Donohue, Vice Chair
John Buonaiuto, seated alternate
Sally Tornow, seated alternate

Public: Dennis Tobin, PhD, Municipal Consultant

Chairman Yarrish called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. and invited Dennis Tobin to participate in today's discussion on the Plan of Conservation and Development.

1. PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Chairman Yarrish distributed introduction statements for the Housing, Land Use and Conservation/Open Space sections of the plan. It was agreed that these statements would be fused into what the Commission has currently prepared and will be edited at a later time.

Dr. Tobin stated that the Commission needs to be quantitative in its plan whenever possible. This will require reaching out to various sources to document the information accurately.

Vice Chairman Donohue stated that he would prepare information for housing/affordable house and Mr. Buonaiuto stated that he would follow up with the Sewer Commission and Aquarion Water for information on sewer and water in the Borough. Additionally, Vice Chairman Donohue stated that he would put together visual charts for the Borough's demographics.

Dr. Tobin asked the Commission what their goals were adding that this could be an area that the POCD has as a goal. He noted that the Plan could be updated at any time within the ten-year mandatory review.

There was a discussion on the steps that the Commission needs to follow for submission to the State. Vice Chairman Donohue stated that he would check with the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) for this information and create a compliance chart for the Commission to follow.

The Commission set a special meeting for Sunday, August 11, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. to continue discussion and review of the information gathered. Chairman Yarrish asked that members submit proposed information to Ms. Tornow by August 4th for inclusion in the draft document so she may send out an updated copy for the August 11th meeting.

2. SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE

After a brief conversation with regard to statutory time frames the commission set the public hearing as requested by the Litchfield Community Greenway's application for an extension of the greenway through Bantam.

Motion made by Mr. Buonaiuto to set a public hearing for the application of the Litchfield Community Greenway for the construction of a bike/hiking trail through various properties in Bantam. Motion seconded by Vice Chairman Donohue and carried unanimously.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Ms. Tornow moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 a.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Buonaiuto and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Valerie L. Douglass, Commission Clerk