

Town Planner's Report 3/12/2014 – 4/11/2014

Ongoing work:

- Quinebaug Regional Technology Park (QRTP) & YMCA:
 - Met with Town Administrator, Economic Development Director, representative of the project engineering team, and representatives CT DECD, relative to an update report and funding sources for the YMCA and Tech Park work.
 - Met with Town Administrator, representatives of the project engineering team, and representatives of Yankee Gas, relative to the installation of gas service to the YMCA and Tech Park.
 - Met with Town Administrator and representatives of the project engineering team relative to the installation of gas service to the YMCA and Tech Park and an update on the status of permitting and contracting for the project.
 - Presently working with Town Counsel relative to passive recreation language for Parcel B on the approved QRTP subdivision plan.
- Zoning Regulations Comprehensive Update/Rewrite:
 - Worked with NECCOG in preparation of the Zoning Map for the public hearing.
 - Prepared the final draft of the updated Zoning Regulations for the public hearing.
 - At the 3/19/2014 Zoning Commission meeting, the Commission voted to approve the Zoning Map and the Zoning Regulations with minor revisions made that night, for the Public Hearing set for 5/28/2014. Followed up on these votes.
 - Zoning Map and Zoning Regulations for the Public Hearing posted on Town Website.
- Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) Update:
 - Continued background research for plan update.
 - Prepared a summation of comments on the update of the existing Goals and Objectives of the 2005 POCD (Chapter 2) that were discussed at the 3/10/14 POCD Update Committee meeting, in preparation for distribution for the 4/14/14 Committee meeting.
 - Met with POCD Update Committee Chairman to discuss agendas for present and future meetings, and drafted agenda and put together agenda package for the fourth POCD Committee meeting on 3/10/14. Discussion to include GIS Mapping, Sustainable Development and Smart Growth, Consistency with the State POCD, Demographics, Housing, and Format of the 2015 POCD.
 - Met with Public Works Director Re: updates to Sewer, Water, Stormwater Drainage, and Transportation sections of the 2005 POCD.

Other Projects/Tasks:

- Continuing to monitor progress on CL&P's ongoing Interstate Reliability Project.
- Attended the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission meeting on 3/12. Followed up on issues discussed that evening.
- Visited site associated with Special Permit application before the Zoning Commission. Attended the Zoning Commission meeting on 3/20. Followed up on issues discussed and voted on that meeting, as noted above and below.
- Attended the Planning Commission meeting on 3/24. Presented the Zoning Map and the Zoning Regulations prepared for the 5/28/2014 hearing to the Planning Commission. Followed up on issues discussed that evening.
- Met with legal representative of Verizon Re: Installation of wireless transmission antennas on the building at 26 – 30 Front Street.
- Attended the Connecticut Land Use Academy's Advanced Training Session on 4/5.

- Attended workshop entitled A Brighter Future for Connecticut's Brownfields on 4/9. Following up on information obtained at the workshop in preparation of the POCD Update.
- Following up on the High School building project relative to the site plan and associated permit filings for the project (Inland Wetlands application and accompanying site plan filed on 4/9).
- Further investigated Algonquin Gas's proposal to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to seek the Commission's authorization for the Algonquin Incremental Market Project (AIM Project) for the expansion of its existing pipeline systems to proceed. Proposed work within Putnam is to upgrade the Arch Street metering station only.