

Town Planner's Report 7/9/2014 – 8/5/2014

Ongoing work:

- **Quinebaug Regional Technology Park (QRTP) & YMCA:**
 - Checked ongoing removal of earth material on the site.
 - Worked with Town Counsel, Town Administrator and project surveyor relative to passive recreation language for a conservation easement over a portion of Parcel B on the approved QRTP subdivision plan, in accordance with the Record of Decision on the project.

- **Zoning Regulations and Map Comprehensive Amendment/Restatement:**
 - The Comprehensive Amendment/Restatement of the Zoning Regulations and Map became effective on July 17. Provided copies, for distribution and enforcement.

- **Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) Update:**
 - Continued background research for plan update.
 - Put together the Agenda and second package of information for the seventh POCD Update Committee meeting, which was held on July 21. Items discussed included:
 - a presentation by the Chairman of the Library Exploratory Building Committee on the future plans for the Library;
 - the function and role of the Public Facilities Study Committee in relation to the POCD;
 - a brief discussion of the package of information on linkage between the Capital Improvements Program and the POCD that was prepared by the Town Administrator;
 - a summary of information on Incorporating the Concepts of Sustainability and Smart Growth in Planning that the Town Planner obtained at the American Planning Association workshop entitled *Comprehensive Planning for Sustainable Communities*, which was held on June 16 & 17, including:
 - Sustainability and the Triple Bottom Line;
 - Sustainable Plan Review Matrix;
 - the Transit subsection for incorporation into the Transportation section of the POCD; and
 - the present status of and possible future of rail service in Town, including references from the State's *Strategic Long-Range Transportation Plan 2009-2035*.
 - Presently compiling all of the updates, materials, information and items discussed at the seven POCD Update Committee meetings held to date, in preparation for the beginnings of discussion on the goals, objectives and policies, and action items for the 2015 POCD at the September 2014 POCD Update Committee meeting (the Committee will not be meeting in August).

Other Projects/Tasks:

- Continuing to monitor progress on CL&P's ongoing Interstate Reliability Project.
- Attended Supervisor's Prevention of Sexual Harassment Training session on 7/9.
- Attended the Zoning Commission meeting on 7/16.
- Attended the Planning Commission meeting on 7/28. Will be meeting with the Commission at a future workshop or workshops yet to be scheduled to discuss the previously distributed draft of proposed updates to the Subdivision Regulations, which would include modernized construction standards and greater compliance with the recently passed Comprehensive Amendment/Restatement of the Zoning Regulations, in preparation for a subsequent hearing for adoption of updates to the Subdivision Regulations.
- Participated in several meetings among staff members and potential developers and/or their agents, relative to construction or reconstruction activities in the industrial zone and to a proposal to amend the Zoning Regulations to allow taxi and livery services.
- Met twice with staff relative to the format and construction of the Town's new website.