

Town Planner's Report 5/13/2015 – 6/9/2015

Ongoing work:

- **Quinebaug Regional Technology Park (QRTP) & YMCA:**
 - Met twice with the Town Administrator and representatives of the project's engineering team, on 5/15 and 5/26, Re: progress on sewer, water, natural gas, electricity, and bridge and roadway construction to and within the Park, Phase 1, and associated construction relative to the YMCA.

- **Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) 2015 Update:**
 - Continued background research and updates, in text preparation for plan update, including sections on demographics and housing, historical resources, land use, public facilities/services, transportation, economic and community development, and consistency with state and regional plans of conservation and development.
 - Working towards the development of goals and objectives, and action steps to fulfill the goals and objectives, for demographics and housing, historical/cultural issues, land use, public facilities/services, transportation, and economic and community development sections of the Plan, which will be used in the implementation tables.
 - Continued mapping projects for the Plan, which will be finalized upon obtaining necessary GIS software.
 - Met with the Community Development Director relative to ongoing projects and previous grants received for agriculturally related community and economic development ventures and their function in the Plan.
 - Spoke with the POCD Update Committee Chairman, and Vice Chairman, to discuss the final format of the 2015 POCD, including the formation of goals and objectives and action steps as noted above, mapping, and the scheduling of future meetings. In anticipation of the receipt of additional GIS software and datalayers needed to create maps (the next logical step) for the Plan over the next several weeks, and owing to the very recent passage of Public Act No. 15-95, which amends the statutes to require that the POCD shall identify the general location and extent of any (1) areas served by existing sewerage systems, (2) areas where sewerage systems are planned, and (3) areas where sewers are to be avoided, which has created the need for additional time to incorporate this information into the draft of the Plan, the June POCD Update Committee meeting was postponed.
 - Continuing to compile all of the updates, materials, information and items discussed at the thirteen POCD Update Committee meetings held to date, and mapping and additional information referenced above, in preparation of the final draft of the Plan tentatively during the summer of 2015, based on continuing discussion on the goals, objectives and policies, action items, and mapping for the 2015 POCD at the next meeting of the POCD Update Committee, possibly on July 8, 2015.

Other Projects/Tasks:

- Attended the Annual Town Meeting (on the FY 2015/2016 Budget) on 5/13.
- Attended the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission meeting on 5/19.
- Attended the Zoning Commission meeting on 5/20. Prior to that meeting, met with the design engineer for a proposed storage facility on Park Street, for which a public hearing was opened at the 5/20 meeting, and presented a memo with comments on the site plan for the facility to the Commission.
- Met with the DPW Director and the Regional Engineer (NECCOG) to discuss the modified draft of proposed updates to the Subdivision Regulations, prepared after several Planning Commission workshops, relative to public water and sewer. The Planning Commission did not meet in May, so a work session on the updated Subdivision Regulations is expected at the Planning Commission's 6/22 meeting, which could be on the final draft of updates to the Subdivision Regulations, on which a hearing will be held to allow the Commission to present and vote on these updates, tentatively during the summer of 2015.
- Attended the Economic Development Commission meeting on 6/9 (tour of the Wheelabrator Putnam Ash Landfill).
- At the request of the Town Administrator, continuing to follow development of state water plans.