PLANNING AND
ZONING COMMISSION

LYME TOWN HALL
480 HAMBURG ROAD
LYME, CT 06371

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Regular Meeting
February 10, 2025
7:00 p.m.

There was a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT 06371.

Members Present: Bernie Gigliotti (chair), Phyllis Ross, Ann Littlefield, Carol House, Mary Stone, Fritz Gahagan, Will Fiske, Tom St. Louis (alternate), Jen Tiffany (alternate), Bailey Drown (alternate), Ross Byrne (ZEO), Lannie Mossberg (secretary).
Members of the public present.

CALL TO ORDER 7:02 p.m.
SEAT ALTERNATES n/a

REGULAR MEETING
Dark Skies Initiative Presentation- Present and speaking was Misha Semënov-Leiva. There was a handout and PowerPoint presentation. The PowerPoint discussed how birds and animals are affected by night lighting. He explained Gateway does lighting reviews. Fiske questioned how far-out lighting can affect other towns. Gigliotti questioned why Westbrook is only using the Dark Skies initiative in commercial areas. Semënov-Leiva said some towns use lighting zones only in commercial areas.

POCD Update- Gigliotti started by saying he believes POCD is at a transition point and recommends a disband of the original POCD committee and forming a small group to finish writing the POCD. The new group would consist of 3 or 4 people. There was a discussion on who may participate. Gigliotti recommended House, Tiffany, and Dave Tiffany. He also suggested Torrance Down as a consultant because of his prior engagement with the 2015 POCD. Fiske made a motion to dissolve the current POCD committee, create a new committee to review the survey results, draft the POCD for submission to the commission for review, and give Gigliotti the power to appoint new POCD committee members.
House recommends that Stone also participate in the group since she has been involved the whole time. Gahagan amended the motion from Fiske. Gahagan proposed an amendment to the motion. Strike giving Gigliotti the authority to appoint people. And add the commission to review, revise, and approve. Fiske accepted the amendment. Unanimous.

House made a motion for the POCD group to consist of 4 voting (House, Stone, & two Tiffany's) and 1 consultant. Seconded by Gahagan. Unanimous.

St. Louis spoke and asked if they could use 2015 as a base and evolve from there. Ross said she believes Torrance would be a great idea and feels Stone should continue on the committee.
Stone said she wants to see the differences and let the survey data talk.
House said it's been quite the job, and she put in many hours per week. She wants to let the data speak, be the guide, and work alongside others who want to be involved.
House said there have been 850 responses to the survey. Gigliotti said to follow CGS 8-23, and a special meeting may be held if anything arises. A special meeting will be held on Feb. 24, 2025, at 7 pm. For a POCD update.

NEW BUSINESS – Email follow-up forms have been sent out for those wanting to participate in the training on March 22.
OLD BUSINESS
Osborne Update- Byrne said there has not been much change in their remediation process, so IWWC and P&Z have sent letters to the Osbornes and are awaiting a response.
Fiske is working on regulations for service businesses and will get something out before next month's meeting so there can be a discussion.

ZEO REPORT – 9 new permits, 1 Cease and Desist.
Approval of Minutes of the Public Hearing/Regular Meeting December 9, 2024 – Fiske made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by House. Ross & Gahagan abstained.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lannie Mossberg - Secretary