

**Planning and Zoning Commission
Special Meeting
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Special Meeting

Chair Grindle called the special meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Present were: Chair Kevin Grindle, Sue Hochstetter, Ev Hyde, and Randy Thompson. Also present was Alternate Gloria Langer and Staff Member Martha Fraenkel. Absent were: Gary DeCesare and Alternate Wayne DeCarli.

Old Business

1. Discussion: PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT 2016/survey results review

All commission members had time to review the results individually. How the data was weighted by Survey Monkey was discussed. The overall sense from the survey results was that there were some surprises. The comments provided insight into how residents feel, and the Commission was glad there was an opportunity to comment individually on all questions. It was noted that several residents seemed interested in exercise classes not including yoga. There could be possibilities to fulfill this need by partnering with area towns or by purchasing some gently used equipment to place in the lower level of the Town Hall.

The Commission reviewed the survey question by question. Thoughts/observations on each question were as follows:

1. Comments were entertaining, strengths of the town were equal, there is a need for a park/pavilion (a place for people to gather). This should be a goal/objective for the plan.
2. Comments were valuable. There is a need for flexible housing. Is there enough communication about public safety with the town's residents? Many comments from this question should be translated into goals and objectives. We have already amended regulations to allow for live-in caregivers. There should be consideration of use of large houses as a residence for multiple unrelated seniors.
3. Walking/hiking was a major theme.
4. Many activities were suggested that could be explored, such as art classes and ice skating. Fraenkel explained that an implementation section is becoming a more usual component of POCDs, stressing the importance of assigning goals to a particular group to assure follow through.
5. Many comments related to the village. People would tolerate more uses in the village with design control. The example of the Brooklyn was shared. Commission will study if they would like to allow village district zoning.
6. Answers showed that some may not be sure exactly what open space is. Some residents thought acquisitions should be targeted or more specific (such as toward agriculture or recreation).
7. Answers were very balanced. Hampton still has an agricultural community identity. Objective – to evaluate those regulations.
8. Comments provided more guidance about residents' thoughts re: uses in the village.
9. Housing comments seem to counter what was said in other questions.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary