

SHORELINE GATEWAY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

2/16/23

The Shoreline Gateway Committee held a meeting at 5:00pm on February 16, 2023 in the Meeting Hall of the Old Lyme Town Hall. Present were Co-chairs Martha Shoemaker & Matthew Ward and committee members Scott Boulanger, Mary Kate Parker, Joe Camean, Michael Fogliano, Chris McHugh, Frank Pappalardo, Michaelle Pearson and Kathleen Tracy. Special Guests also in attendance were Cheryl Poirier- Chairman EDC, Eric Knapp – Land Use & ZEO Town of Old Lyme, Harold Thompson-Chairman Planning Commission, Paul Orzel – Chairman Zoning Commission and Tim Griswold – First Selectman Town of Old Lyme.

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm
- 2) Minutes from January 19, 2023 meeting were approved as submitted. (motion Kathleen Tracy, seconded Frank Pappalardo, unanimous vote)
- 3) A fruitful discussion began regarding blight:
 - a. whose job is it to enforce
 - b. manpower & resources needed to enforce it
 - c. does it need to be addressed town wide or can we make specific regulations for specific areas of town?
 - d. May be able to create guidelines to commercial properties by use not by zone
 - e. discussed a blight ordinance from 2018 that was created but not approved (information came from Nancy Hutchinson)
 - f. Town of Old Lyme does have junk regulations
 - g. sometimes blight doesn't just involve ZEO but also Police, Fire Marshal & Social Services and mental health issues
- 4) Discussion continued on about the process for changing Zoning Regulations:
 - a. what do we want that area to look like? (survey results)
 - b. good community outreach is important to make sure you get community buy in
 - c. crafting regulations to fit what the community wants in that area is essential
 - d. create a Mission Statement (objective, where & how we do it)
 - e. would like to see year round businesses & opportunities

f. discussion about the actual process of changing Zoning Regulations (lawyers, RiverCog, Zoning, Planning, BOS and Town Meeting)

g. discussed the Soundview Village District (SVVD) overlay would it be easier to change/expand that or change specific zoning laws

h. it was discussed Zoning regs and ordinances can be changed logically

i. unknown status of sewers are definitely an impact on zoning regulation changes and moving forward.

j. Another challenge discussed is the ability of making multiple changes at once not piece mealed

5) Meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm. (motion Scott Boulanger, seconded Kathleen Tracy, unanimous all)

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Ward