



Shoreline Gateway Committee

Minutes – Regular Meeting – 5:00 PM

April 20, 2023

Mezzanine Level Conference Room – Old Lyme Town Hall

1. Call to Order: Martha Shoemaker called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.
2. Attendance:
Present Committee Members: Martha Shoemaker (Co-Chair) Scott Boulanger, Michaelle Pearson, Mary Kate Parker, Frank Pappalardo, Michael Fogliano, and Kathleen Tracy
3. Approval of Minutes:
MOTION to approve minutes of February 16, 2023, as submitted made by Michael Fogliano and SECONDED by Frank Pappalardo. MOTION passed unanimously.
MOTION to approve minutes of March 16, 2023, as submitted by Frank Pappalardo and SECONDED by Michaelle Pearson. MOTION passed unanimously.
4. Information items, Communications & Correspondences – No communication noted.
5. Public Comment - None
6. Old Business
 - a) Mission Statement – Michaelle Pearson submitted the first draft of the Shoreline Gateway Committee Mission Statement. There was some discussion about including the word “blight” in the statement. Committee members suggested staying positive in the Mission Statement. Discussion about using the word “geographic”. Members decided to move this to the next meeting for further discussion due to many members not being in attendance today.
 - b) Blight Ordinance – Joe Camean sent multiple towns’ blight ordinances to Martha, and she will forward the electronic copies to the committee members for review. Members asked if any Shoreline towns were included. Members felt that Clinton would be a good town to include. Further discussion stated that the committee needs to focus on the vision to figure out how to deal with this possible ordinance. It was noted that the C-10 zone may be the only C-10 zone in town and may not have ever been revised since conception. The decision was made to consult with Paul Orzel, Eric Knapp and Tim Griswold on how a blight ordinance might even be enforced. Further discussion mentioned that since Eric Knapp has so many responsibilities that the committee may potentially put forth a proposal for budgeted position to help enforce blight in Old Lyme. The committee decided to continue this discussion when we work on vision as blight will be an objective in our vision statement. It was also noted that we should include light pollution as well.
 - c) Survey Result Presentation – Kathleen Tracy presented the preview of the Shoreline Gateway Committee Survey. The draft focuses on the six open ended questions. Changes were suggested to change donut shop to donut sales. There were questions on formatting (numbered or bulleted). Some members felt that the actual number of responses for question #41 would be confusing to the reader. Kathleen will make a few edits after the meeting and will resend it to the committee.



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d) Update on 250 Shore Road – Three storage buildings submitted for approval, but noted these are not places of business. Units cannot be used to run a business out of. Opposition is focusing on the issue of too many storage units in one area. Members asked why this was going to Zoning as a “Special Permit” request. Frank and Michael volunteered to draft a letter on behalf of the Shoreline Gateway Committee to send to Zoning before the May meeting.

e) Further discussion of creating a sub-committee to speak with Affordable Housing, Planning, Zoning, EDC & Land Use

Discussion was to table this for now until we finalize the committee’s mission and vision. It was noted that we do have members from those Commissions on our committee. Michael Fogliano noted that he would place a standing agenda item for Affordable Housing meetings to update them on Shoreline Gateway updates.

f) Update on Possible Moratorium Request – Eric Knapp previously answered questions about the process of establishing a moratorium.

New Business

a) Invitations to Business Owners for forum – Tabled until we have Mission and Vision Statements established.

8. Other Business - None

9. MOTION to adjourn made by Kathleen Tracy and SECONDED by Michaelle Pearson. Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM

Next Meeting is May 18, 2023, at 5 PM.