

**TRANSIT CENTERED DEVELOPMENT
STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING OF OCT. 21, 2010**

Members Present: Denise Nelson, Michael Vickerelli, Thomas Yemm, Mary Dean, Mary Young, Joseph Vecsey and Robert Galello.

Others Present: David Killeen (Town Planner).

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. in Room 213 of the Stratford Town Hall, Main Street, Stratford, CT. The meeting proceeded in the following order:

DISCUSSION OF PRIORITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- Mr. Killeen advised that the Town was not selected for the HUD Grant. However, the Town is still working on the \$400,000 Grant for Brownfield redevelopment.

- Last month the Committee members were asked to submit a short statement outlining what they think is important about TCD. Mr. Killeen reviewed the four submissions he received. Ms. Young would like to promote walkable communities centered around public transit. She feels that it is very important to begin changing the zoning regulations now to establish standards for TCD. Ms. Nelson would like to focus on two different areas: (1) developing the area around Exit 33, and (2) resolving the traffic problems around the train station. She also offered suggestions as to how to promote public awareness. Mr. Sherman's submission was very general and identified the benefits of TCD. Mr. Yemm talked about using images and the website to promote TCD.

- The Committee agreed that a good place to start in developing public awareness was to take Mr. Sherman's comments and add Ms. Young's language to them. Mr. Killeen will draft something and send it around for the members to review.

- Mr. Killeen advised that he had spoken to John Casey about the plans from the State for the Train Station parking lot, but Mr. Casey said it was only a drawing. Mr. Vickerelli had a sketch for the parking lot from the DOT and Mr. Killeen will give a copy to the Mayor's office. However, Mr. Killeen advised that the parking lot will require a STD permit (State Traffic Division) and this involves submitting detailed plans and a traffic study. Mr. Vickerelli volunteered to try to get the parking lot constructed now.

- Mr. Killeen distributed a copy of the Resolution in Support of TCD recently approved by the Economic Development Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2010

- UPON MOTION BY MR. YEMM AND SECONDED BY MR. VICKERELLI, THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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POWER POINT PRESENTATION

- Mr. Killeen narrated the power point presentation regarding the roles and responsibilities of Planning and Zoning. He advised that the Planning Commission will be updating the Plan of Conservation and Development, which is the first step to changing the zoning regulations. There is a link to this Plan on the Town website.

ADJOURNMENT

- UPON MOTION BY MR. VECSEY AND SECONDED BY MR. GALELLO, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail J. Nobili
Secretary