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MINUTES
MEETING OF THE PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (POCD) AD HOC COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025
(ZOOM)

Attending: Kristen Anderson, Fred Jones, Tom Kean, Paul Stoltze, Greg Sottile

The meeting was called to order at 7:08PM by Committee Chair Greg Sottile.

The minutes of the November 6, 2024 meeting were reviewed.

Motion: Tom Kean/Kristen Anderson – Unanimous to accept the minutes.

Fred Jones provided an update on the Natural Resource Inventory (NRI). The initial draft of the 2025 NRI is coming along very well. Fred reported that currently there are 17 maps and several appendices. Fred has taken the lead on writing the NRI's narrative. The mapping was done by Housatonic Valley Associates (HVA) and the overall project was funded through a grant that Fred applied for and received from the Farmington River Coordinating Committee (FRCC). The next step is for the Committee to review the NRI for grammatical or other errors and to share these with Fred who will use them as inputs for the next draft. The Committee expects the updated version of the NRI will be a valuable resource to many of Hartland's stakeholders. The expectation is that the NRI will be complete before the completion of the POCD. As such, it will be shared with the public when it is finalized.

Greg Sottile provided an update on the data inputs for the POCD. These inputs span economic, socioeconomic and other Hartland-specific indicators. Progress is being made regarding the data collection and its presentation in a developing draft of the updated POCD. Greg will continue to gather data and populate the document. This data collection process is part of the Committee's assessment of the "current state" of Hartland.

Paul Stoltze provided an update on the Committee's compliance with the statutory requirements of the POCD. These requirements have expanded since the previous POCD, and the Committee has more work to do to better understand these requirements. Paul will prepare an updated compliance matrix focusing primarily on areas of uncertainty regarding the latest statutory requirements.

Paul Stoltze also led the Committee through a review of the project timeline. While the Committee has made progress along the timeline, it is lagging in some areas, specifically related to the compliance assessment and the preparation of the 2025 Community Survey.

The Committee discussed at length the 2025 Community Survey. Particular attention was given to a discussion of: a.) the various tools available to deliver the survey to residents, and b.) the specific questions and their types. The Committee decided to devote its next meeting to a working session related to the survey and these issues. In the meantime, the Committee assigned itself some advance homework to develop lists of potential topics and questions for the survey.

Motion: Kristen Anderson/Paul Stoltze – Unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:12PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregory M. Sottile
Committee Chair

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