

Planning & Zoning Commission
Town of Deep River, CT
Town Hall 174 Main Street Deep River, Connecticut 06417

Ad-Hoc Committee on the Plan of Conservation & Development

Special Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Planning of Conservation & Development was held on **Wednesday, March 6, 2024**.

Planning Members Present were: Ad-Hoc Chairman Marian Staye, P & Z Chairman Tony Bolduc, and Dan Smith.

Other Attendees and Participants were: First Selectman Carol Jones, Lenora Grunko, Jill Larsen, Jake Rinker, Dan Bett, Alison Sloane, Alex Strobel, and ZEOs John Guskowski and Zoe Chatfield.

Chairman Staye called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Zoe Chatfield reviewed the Economic Development Goals and Actions. Alex Strobel, a Deep River businessman and former Planning Commissioner a bit about his experience with running a small welding business in Town and his concerns about the lack of industrial growth in the town. His concern was that small businesses and/or incubator type businesses don't create enough of jobs.

A variety of options were explored. There was a discussion about creating a local power source and expanding internet capacity to support a data center. Dan Smith thought that the technology sector created well-paying jobs. Possible replacements for the Smith & Wesson building were discussed. In addition, the down side of being too specific in the Plan of Conservation and Development were outlined.

The worksheets of Community Facilities and for Climate Change/Resilience were distributed. These topics will be discussed next month.

There were no decisions or motions. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Staye, Chairman Ad-Hoc Committee on the Plan of Conservation and Development