

MINUTES
OPERATIONS PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
March 21, 2013

First Selectman Jayme Stevenson called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m. in Room 206 at Town Hall.

Present were First Selectman, Jayme Stevenson; Board of Education Chairman, Betsy Hagerty-Ross; Planning & Zoning Chairman, Fred Conze and RTM Moderator, Sarah Seelye.

Planning and Zoning

Mr. Conze attended a League of Women Voters forum on March 20th, at which he detailed his concerns regarding proposed COGs in Connecticut. Mrs. Stevenson stated that the M.O.R.E. Commission will be producing a bill in five weeks that will address COGs. A discussion ensued about the proposal and possible effects of COGs on Darien.

Mr. Conze, Mrs. Cameron, of the Planning & Zoning Commission, and Jeremy Ginsberg, Planning & Zoning Director, will be at The Heights later today to give their input on elements of the landscaping for the new affordable housing development.

A Public Hearing is scheduled in April to address a modified proposal for the Hoyt Street property owned by Mr. & Mrs. Stefanoni.

Mr. Conze expressed a desire to see a town capacity study completed. The study would better enable Planning and Zoning to predict the impact of future developments on items such as: infrastructure, traffic, parking, BOE, open space and playing fields. Mrs. Stevenson suggested the recommendation for a study originate from the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Board of Education

Ms. Hagerty-Ross reported that the Board of Education plans to look at options to provide campus monitors for the elementary schools and generators for each school. Also, the availability of fields and tennis courts for students' programs was discussed.

RTM

Mrs. Seelye reported that all five resolutions presented to the RTM at the March 18th meeting passed.

First Selectman

In the interest of public safety, Mrs. Stevenson has spoken with Jim Cameron of the Commuter Council and plans to speak with the President of Metro North to gather information about surveillance cameras on trains and platforms.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 206.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda O'Leary
Recording Secretary