

POPE LAND DESIGN COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 6, 2025 – 10:00 (VIA ZOOM)

1. Call to Order. Present: Ray McGuire, Lisa McAuliffe, Abeth Slotnick, Tim Sinclair and Curtis Rand.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** A. Slotnick requested adding documents received and sent to Members February 5, 2025. A **Motion to Approve the Agenda, as Amended**, was made by A. Slotnick, seconded by T. Sinclair and unanimously **Approved**.
3. **Approval of Minutes of December 5, 2024. So Moved** by A. Slotnick, seconded by T. Sinclair and unanimously **Approved**.
4. Discussion: Updates and the Future  
R. McGuire began with the discussion of the documents received February 5, 2025 and asked C. Rand for an explanation of them. C. Rand talked about a conversation he had with Andrew Ferentinos who would be interested in working on this project. Mr. Ferentinos had submitted one document developed in consultation with Jocelyn Ayer, Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity (LCCHO). R. McGuire read some content from a second document which was prepared by Mr. Ferentinos with input from some members of the Salisbury Village Improvement Coalition (SVIC). A. Slotnick commented that these were unsolicited proposals from a non-resident who was hired by the SVIC and questioned the purpose of the document. L. McAuliffe pointed out that there had been no conversation with the Recreation department. C. Rand noted there were lots of rollbacks and assumptions on issues; he commented that he had spoken with Ms. Ayer who was aware of the document. Ms. Ayer had referred to a recent collaboration strategy between community Affordable Housing and Conservation interests that this project could be a model for and that if the LCCHO was involved, there could be funding available. A. Slotnick mentioned that Ms. Ayer may be able to attend the next PLDC meeting. T. Sinclair pointed out that no one is talking about recreation and asked if it is time to divide the property. A. Slotnick commented that the Wood Turtle study will affect where things can go and asked if there was any progress; C. Rand indicated that would not be happening until Planning & Zoning (P&Z) was involved. A. Slotnick mentioned that P&Z would want a proposal to act on. L. McAuliffe commented that they need a plan on how to proceed; R. McGuire suggested having a larger meeting with P&Z and others, including the LCCHO, and noted that the needed studies will cost a lot of money. A. Slotnick mentioned that Michael Klemens, PZC Chair, had commented that a \$50k proposal for the Wood Turtle study was overkill. C. Rand agreed that the PLDC should be at a meeting with P&Z, Recreation and Housing groups present. L. McAuliffe will talk with Abby Conroy to coordinate the meeting, possibly at the P&Z meeting on March 3, 2025, and asked R. McGuire to email her with the bullet points.

5. Public Comment – None

6. **Adjournment. So Moved** by A. Slotnick, seconded by L. McAuliffe and unanimously **Approved**.