

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 8, 2021; 10:00 A.M.  
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**Present:** Ken Edgar, Chairman; Jane Connolly, Vice Chairwoman; Don Saltzman, Sally Korsh, Harry Falber, Britta Lerner, Richard Wolf

**Also Present:** members of the public

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10:05 a.m. Chairman Edgar called the meeting to order.

**DISCUSSION CON'T: PREPARATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN WITH SLR CORPORATION**

Chairman Edgar stated that the Weston Survey Research Committee has, within provided additional proposed survey questions to the Commission. He stated that the Commissioners have also provided preliminary comments. Chairman Edgar suggested that the members digest all of the comments received. Vice-Chairwoman Connolly suggested that the Commission schedule a meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> to continue the discussion. Chairman Edgar agreed and suggested that SLR review the comments received and provide its findings, to the Commission, by March 15<sup>th</sup>. He also asked SLR to provide a final draft of the material that accompanies the proposed survey, to the Commission, by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Edgar stated that the members will discuss a schedule of public meetings and community workshops associated with the preparation of an affordable housing plan at the Commission's March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mike Zuba, Rebecca Augur and Liz Esposito of SLR Corporation came before the Commission to present SLR's review and analysis of current demographic, market and housing data, and its assessment on the community needs for affordable housing. SLR reviewed the proposed schedule for the process of preparing an affordable housing plan and briefly discussed the framework for an affordable housing plan based on guidance from the CT Department of Housing. The members asked questions and a discussion ensued. The presentation discussed current zoning in the Town and the need for housing diversity. SLR discussed the Town's infrastructure, natural resources and development constraints. The Commission and SLR continued to discuss the consultant's assessment on housing needs. Chairman Edgar suggested that the Commission ask SLR to be more precise in its assessment and to explore certain points in greater detail, and the members agreed.

Vice Chairwoman Connolly made a motion that the Commission adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Sally Korsh. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

11:35 a.m. Meeting adjourned

Submitted by: AnnMarie Fontana, Assistant