

**REPORT OF STONY CREEK ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

Branford is preparing to adopt a new Plan of Conservation and Development. The last plan was done in 2008. The Connecticut General Statutes require that this to be done every ten years. The current plan can be found on the Town website.

Branford has hired a consultant to help prepare the Plan. The consultant is Glenn Chalder of Planimetrics, who prepared the 2008 Plan.

The new plan will be organized around three themes and topics:

**Conservation- Related Topics** - Things Branford wants to protect or preserve: Natural resources, open space, coastal resources, community character, sustainability, and resiliency.

**Development-Related Topics** - How Branford wants to guide future growth or change: Centers/Villages (Branford Center, Stony Creek, Short Beach, Pine Orchard, Branford Hills etc.) business/economic development, residential development/housing needs

**Infrastructure-Related Topics** - Services or facilities Branford needs or wants: Community facilities, vehicular transportation, pedestrian/bicycle circulation, rail/train, utility infrastructure

The Planning & Zoning Commission has appointed the following **Steering Committee** to assist them in the process:

John Lust - Member of Planning & Zoning Commission  
Joe Chadwick - Member of Planning & Zoning Commission  
Marcia Palluzi - Member of Planning & Zoning Commission  
Harry Smith - Town Planner  
Peter Bassermann - Inland Wetlands Commissions, Chair  
Cathy Lezon -Economic Development Commission  
Terry Elton -Economic Development Director  
Phil Carloini - Center Revitalization Review Board  
Gavin Renz - Business man, property management, developer  
Bill Horne - Branford Land Trust  
Vincent Hanchuruck - Surveyor  
Barbara Ricozzi - CT Dept of Transportation, traffic engineer

The tentative **timeline** for this process is as follows:

November 29, 2017 - Community Meeting  
Working Meetings starting December 13, 2017 and thereafter on the second Tuesday of every month.  
Sessions - two or three between December and March 2018  
Telephone Survey - March 2018  
Draft of Plan - March 2018  
Community Meeting - June 2018  
Finalize Plan - July 2018

Adopt Plan - November 2018

There has been one meeting already, a joint meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Steering Committee. A survey using survey monkey has been sent out to all members of Town Boards and Commissions.

The **Stony Creek Association has formed a committee** to facilitate Village participation in this planning process. The mission of the Committee is to provide ongoing information about the planning process to the Community and to assist in making the Community's concerns and ideas heard.

The committee members are: Bob Babcock, Co-Chair, Ted Ells, Co-Chair, Greg Ames, Jake Greenvall, Peter Hentschel, Mark Hesselgrave, John Herzan, Sam Kirby and Linda Reed. We have been advised that this is a Town Wide plan but we believe communities should be allowed to be heard in the formulation of the Plan. We have already reached out to the Pine Orchard Association and the Short Beach Association and are in the process of reaching out to other associations, to help make sure geographic areas of the town have a chance to be heard in the planning process. At present we are not sure how we will participate or what chances we will be allowed to give our input.

**We encourage everyone to consider what their concerns are** about each of these themes and related topics and what they think should be included in the plan. Please email your ideas or questions to either Bob Babcock [bob.babcock45@gmail.com](mailto:bob.babcock45@gmail.com) or Ted Ells [tedells@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tedells@sbcglobal.net) or speak to anyone on the Stony Creek Association POCD Committee.

Dated: November 7, 2017

Bob Babcock and Ted Ells  
Co-Chairs