

Jonah Center POCD Meeting 5/20/08

Questions/Issues/Concerns

- How come towns aren't more involved in regional planning?
- What are the differences between Council of Governments and Regional Planning Agencies? Is the funding different for each?
- What is the relationship between updating the POCD and funding? No update, no funding
- Can the POCD be used to challenge a P&Z decision?
- What is the purpose and intent of the Zoning Code? For consideration only, not mandatory
- Does the city's build-out consider single or multi-family units?
- Is non-city-owned Open Space included in POCD?
- There must be follow-through with issues and concerns by changing codes where necessary.
- Does the plan dictate to city departments what to do and how to do it?
- Concerns with rural subdivisions, access and connectivity to downtown
- Trade-offs for protection – mixing business decisions with environmental concerns
- Conservation overlay – appropriate land-use regardless of zoning.
- Maintain planning principals with oversight
- Are I Zones zoned appropriately?
- Common Council won't allow preservation of commercial/industrial land
- CVH lands – what happens to land if/when they need to sell?
- Maromas and I3 zoning concerns – can this area be reduced?
- Expand proposed open space area to include additional farms and parcels
- Ch 8 – Urban Dilemma – Downtown Potential – update 1990 document
- Residential 2nd floors in downtown
- Should there be separate Planning and Zoning Commissions?
- Are fuel costs having an impact on the POCD? Any effect on developers?
- Coginchaug corridor should be specifically mentioned within a Natural Resource Addendum that also lists specific additional environmental objectives
- Vehicle idling and drive-thrus
- Progress with public transportation
- What is the legal recourse for those against selling open space?