

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
Plan of Conservation and Development, Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 7:00 p.m. - Cheshire
Town Hall – Room 207/209 – 84 South Main Street, Cheshire, CT 06410

I. **Call to Order**

Chairman Kurtz called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

II. **Roll Call**

Michael Glidden called the roll

Present: Earl Kurtz, Chairman; Woody Dawson, Matt Bowman, Rob Brucato, Casey Downes, Sean Strollo, John Kardaras, Tom Selmont (7:45)

Alternates: Anita Blake, Chris Affie, John Hilzinger

Absent: Jeff Natale, Vice Chairman,

Staff members present: Michael Glidden, Town Planner

Also present: Johnneil Clarke, Jeremy DeCarli (via Zoom), and Robin Newton (via Zoom) from Tyche Planning & Policy Group

III. **Determination of Quorum**

Following roll call, it was determined there were not enough members present for a quorum.

IV. **Pledge of Allegiance**

V. **Business**

1. POCD Update: Transportation and Roadway Infrastructure Pt. 2

The commission talks about goals and objectives to include in this chapter. C. Downes brings up a goal of connecting the high school to the bike trail. M. Glidden suggests making it broader and saying to make it a goal to connect the trail to town facilities.

J. Kardaras mentions if there has been any talk of converting Rt. 10 into a four-lane road. M. Glidden suggests a goal of continuing to work with the Department of Transportation with solving congestion problems, which could include timing of lights, etc. Further, there is a goal included that DOT assign a liaison to the town in order to coordinate efforts to improve traffic throughout town.

Commissioners bring up that a lot of the traffic issues are by the high school, especially when school is being let out. M. Glidden mentions that there is a paper street that connects Elmwood to Higgins. He asks if they would want to put something in the POCD about alleviating traffic in this area, they can be broad in this and don't have to name specific streets if they don't want to. Broadly, it could say looking at potential modifications that can alleviate traffic congestion in the area of Rt. 10, the high school, and Bartlem Park.

Another goal commissioners talk about is connectivity of sidewalks and filling in where there are gaps. It is brought up that they could require new developments along Rt. 10 have to construct sidewalks. Traffic calming measures of various kinds are also brought up as a goal that should be included.

M. Glidden brings up that this chapter deals with infrastructure as well. He mentions that cell phone coverage in certain areas in town could improve, specifically mentioning the areas around Elim Park. He recommends putting in a goal to improve cell service in existing gaps. R. Brucato brings up that emergency services have issues with service in the north end. M. Glidden explains that they could include a goal of supporting efforts to improve radio service for emergency management.

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S. Strollo asks about sewer lines and if this would be the section to mention this. M. Glidden explains that this would be the appropriate section to mention Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA). Required by state statute they will have to adopt their existing coverage map and include it in the POCD. They can also look at where there is area for expansion. M. Glidden suggests a goal to include of supporting the WPCA in investigating closing gaps in sewer gaps within the sewer shed. Another goal mentioned is to improve coordination between WPCA and PZC. Further, M. Glidden suggests including supporting the efforts on I&I.

R. Newton suggests moving some of these goals to different chapters.

VI. Adjournment

MOTION: M. Bowman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by J. Kardaras. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51PM

Clerk: Colleen Costello