

TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD Planning and Zoning Commission

APPROVED/REVISED MINUTES POCD IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE SPECIAL MEETING

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting and are not verbatim transcription.

March 19, 2021

Present:

Karen Martin, Chair
Rebecca Mucchetti (PZC)
Bob Hebert (BoS)
Dave Goldenberg (AHC)
Susan Gessner (ECDC)
Benjamin Oko (ETF, RACE)

I. Call to order

At 1:04 PM, Ms. Martin called the meeting to order.

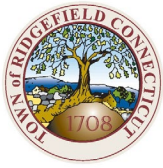
II: Discussion

Ms. Mucchetti introduced the meeting and gave a brief background on the Planning & Zoning Commission's role in adopting the 2020 POCD and how this group will be the first-ever implementation task force created in Ridgefield to address implementing the Action Items from the POCD to help ensure they are put into place.

Ms. Martin gave an overview of the implantation process, discussed the implantation matrix created by consultant Glenn Chalder and reviewed how to read and utilize the matrix.

Ms. Martin discussed the purpose of the Task Force and introduced the members who have volunteered to represent various Town groups/committees/departments

Mr. Goldenberg stated that the need for this type of committee is way overdue. He asked about the goals and responsibilities for each person on the task force and how the group will measure how they have succeeded. Ms. Martin replied that each member will be responsible for bringing the action items assigned to their group for discussion and later, for action and implementation. The goal of the group is to have a strategy for accomplishing each of tasks identified by the POCD in order of priority, she explained.



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Mr. Oko stated that it will be helpful to know what other Town groups are working on different action items so that there can be collaboration and cooperation between groups that have similar goals and tasks related to implementation.

Ms. Martin suggested that the next step will be for each member to present their assigned action steps to their respective groups to prioritize and get a sense of which items their groups feel they can address first. The Task Force will then have each member report on this discussion at its next meeting.

Mr. Goldenberg mentioned the section in the matrix related to Branchville redevelopment and the possibility of this group taking on the issue of Branchville due to the number of stakeholders involved. The group discussed a possibility of a separate group eventually looking to take on this topic.

The group discussed how often it would meet and decided on a schedule of approximately quarterly meetings. Members agreed to set a next meeting date by email for the end of April when all members will have had a chance to meet with their respective groups.

IV. Adjourn

Hearing no further, Ms. Martin adjourned the meeting at 1:56PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Martin