

**CITY OF NORWALK  
LAND USE COMMITTEE  
March 8, 2011**

Fran DiMeglio called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Fran DiMeglio, Chair; Don Nelson, Walter McLaughlin; Victor Cavallo; Torgny Astrom; Michael Chieffalo; Joel Zaremby

**STAFF:** Frank Strauch

**I. REFERRALS: Review and recommendation**

**a) DEP / USACE – 16 Hawkins Avenue – Proposal to install a fence –** Mr. Strauch presented the application. Under normal circumstances, it would not be a problem to put up an 8 ft. fence but since it would be located near the high tide line, they had to make an application to the Dept. of Environmental Protection. Thus, it was before the commission as a referral. The fence would be anchored into concrete footing.

At this point in the meeting, it was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. in order to hold the Planning Commission meeting.

The meeting was re-convened at 8:11 p.m.

**II. DISCUSSIONS**

**a) Plan of Conservation and Development (the “Plan”)**

The commissioners continued their discussion of the Plan by starting with the “Mid-Term” Section. They had questions on some projects that seemed to be stalled and requested that staff ask questions about the status of these projects. They wanted representatives to come to a meeting to discuss them. They discussed the improvements in Ryan Park. There was some discussion about establishing Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (“LEED”) for public buildings. Mr. Strauch noted that he had a meeting with the City’s chief building official, William Ireland and the City’s facility manager, Alan Lo, about a year ago to discuss this issue. In that meeting, Mr. Ireland told Mr. Strauch that there was a discussion at the State level as to whether or not LEED would be incorporated into Connecticut’s building code. They also discussed how Norwalk was reducing its energy use. Although they have worked on the virtual gateway to Norwalk, the commissioners wanted to begin work on the physical gateways. The commission wanted to know which departments handled the existing gateway signs that were already installed throughout Norwalk. There was a discussion

about the use of consultants. The Commission ended the review of the Plan with the “Long-Term” section and saved the last section, “Ongoing” for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diana Palmentiero