

Town of Fairfield News

1/15/2020 - TPZ Commission Invites Community to Workshops

The Fairfield Town Plan and Zoning (TPZ) Commission invites community members to participate in workshops to assist in updating the local Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). Fairfield's POCD sets the town's policy "roadmap" for preservation and growth looking forward towards the next decade.

The POCD establishes goals for open space preservation and natural resource conservation, balanced by identifying future economic development growth opportunities in our commercial districts, such as around our major train stations; expanding housing options to retain our seniors and attract young professionals; and outlining major infrastructure investments needed for future wastewater management, drainage, transportation, and sea level rise mitigation. Fairfield's POCD also allows the town to be eligible for discretionary state funding and is the necessary reference document for many Federal, State, and non-profit grant programs. The public workshops launch the public's input on recommended potential updates to Town policies that could better match future population needs with community goals.

Three workshop dates are available:

Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at Sacred Heart University –West Campus, West Building Cafeteria at 3135 Easton Turnpike

[Register here.](#)

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at the Dolan School of Business Event Hall at 1073 N. Benson Road

[Register here.](#)

Thursday, February 6, 2020 at Penfield Pavilion at 323 Fairfield Beach Road

[Register here.](#)

All three workshops will have the same agenda, however a variety of dates and locations within town are provided to allow for greater opportunity for public participation. Community members are invited to select just **one** meeting to attend. Attendees should select the meeting date and location that works best for them. Each workshop begins promptly at 6:30 with an overview followed by interactive workshop activities. Attendees should be prepared for hands-on participation with conversation and creativity. The meeting is expected to conclude by 9:00p.m.

First Selectwoman Brenda Kupchick encourages the public's participation and adds the following, "I look forward to the dialogue among our community and encourage residents to attend and be a part of this process. It's important we welcome new development and businesses that fit into the character of our beautiful town. Planning ahead and seeking public input is an important component as we move Fairfield forward."

The Fairfield Plan and Zoning staff will compile the information from the workshop meetings to determine future subject specific workshops moving forward. Additional public meetings and workshops will also be held over the course of the next year, providing community members extra opportunities to share their views and provide input into the process.

For more information, contact the Town Plan & Zoning Department at (203) 256-3050 or visit www.fairfieldct.org/pocd2020.

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