

## **AGENDA**

**6:30 pm to 7:03 pm:** Pre-Function Activities — Video Interviews, Exhibits, Chat with Consultants and P&Z Department Staff

**7:03 pm to 7:06 pm:** Welcome Message from First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky

**7:06 pm to 7:09 pm:** Welcome Message from Chairman of the P&Z Commission Stephen Olvany

**7:09 pm to 7:16 pm:** Presentation by H&H

**7:16 pm to 8:40 pm:** Roundtable Discussions

**A. 7:16 pm to 7:35 pm:** Transportation, Infrastructure & Community Facilities

**B. 7:35 pm to 7:55 pm:** Conservation & Environmental Protection

**C. 7:55 pm to 8:30 pm:** The Built Environment

**8:30 pm to 9:00 pm:** Roundtable Presentations

**9:00 pm to 9:05 pm:** Extra Time (if required)

**9:05 pm:** Closing Message

### ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

#### A. Transportation, Infrastructure & Community Facilities

Topic	Priority Level	Comments/Details
Parks & Recreation (facilities, programming)		
Public Transportation (rail, rail stations, bus)		
Driving (traffic, signals, signs, safety)		
Parking (downtown, train station)		
Walking (sidewalks, accessibility, signals, crossings, lighting, safety)		
Climate Adaptation (to stronger storms, inland and coastal flooding, heat)		
Stormwater Management (drainage, green infrastructure)		
Biking (on- and off-road paths, racks)		

1. All of the topics in the table above are important to Darien's present and future. However, for the purpose of discussion for the POCD, assign one of the following priority levels to each of these topics:
  - HIGHEST (only one topic can be assigned this priority level)
  - HIGH
  - MEDIUM
  - LOW (at least one topic must be assigned this priority level)
2. On the table map, for any of the topics, identify any areas, parks, streets, or intersections of town that need the most improvement or that would be highly suitable locations for improvements. Identify any specific actions recommended.

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### B. Conservation & Environmental Protection

Topic	Priority Level	Comments/Details
Coastal Resources (habitat, marine life, water quality, access)		
Historic Preservation (of buildings, landscapes/viewsheds)		
Land Preservation & Conservation (open spaces, habitats)		
Natural Resources (water and soil quality; protection of trees, native plants, wildlife, pollinators)		

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  - LOW
2. On the table map, for any of the topics identify areas of town that need the most conservation-related protection or that would be highly suitable locations for conservation-related protection activities. Identify any specific actions recommended.

## C. The Built Environment

1. The Town-Wide Survey (see page 22) revealed many concerns among some residents with the new development that has been taking place in Darien—its pace, scale, character/appearance, and its potential impacts on traffic, schools, and infrastructure. Furthermore, the survey results revealed significant dissatisfaction with multifamily residential development.
  - a. How could have or can new mixed-use development (e.g. Darien Commons, Heights Crossing, The Corbin District) better fit your group’s ideas of the Town’s character(s) in terms of scale, aesthetics, and other factors?
  - b. What positive outcomes has mixed use development brought to Darien? What about negative outcomes? Do any people in your group shop and/or live in any of these new developments.
  - c. What are the benefits of multifamily residential development to Darien residents and the Town, whether part of a mixed-use project or as a fully residential project? What are the drawbacks to Darien residents and to the Town? Do any people in your group or their family members live in these developments?

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2. The 2016 POCD includes the following goals/policies related to housing. Does your group feel that these goals are still important today and into the future?

Goal/Policy	Yes	Maybe / Depends	No
Continue efforts to diversify Darien's housing stock.			
Continue to consider ways to address the housing needs of an aging population.			
Continue to consider ways to provide for housing that is more affordable.			
Continue to participate in efforts to create supportive housing for developmentally disabled people.			