

**Draft Minutes
Regional Planning Commission Meeting
West Hartford Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT
Thursday, November 16, 2017
7pm**

Attendance

Lamont Aheart
Jennifer Bartiss-Earley
Brendan Malone
Lansford Perry
Julian Stoppelman
Karl Robert Profe
Ed Marek
William Rice
Lansford Perry
Michael Leblanc
Ted Cabata
Susan Westa
Stanley Sobieski
Tim Bergin

Town/Organization

Vernon
Plainville
Suffield
Canton
Manchester
Windsor
Coventry
Simsbury
Canton
South Windsor
Southington
Mansfield
Newington
Manchester

Staff

Mary Ellen Kowalewski
Emily Hultquist

CRCOG
CRCOG

Guests

Courtney Hendricson

CERC

With a quorum present, Chairperson Karl Profe called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1. Adoption of Minutes: September 14, 2017

Chairperson Karl Profe asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 14, 2017 RPC meeting.

Stanley Sobieski made a motion seconded by Ed Marek to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2017 RPC meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Presentation: Update on Bradley International Airport: Kevin Dillon, A.A.E., Executive Director, Connecticut Airport Authority**

Mr. Dillon made a presentation on the current projects, initiatives and updates taking place at Bradley International Airport. Mr. Dillon spoke about route development and described the service provided by two new carriers, Aer Lingus and Norwegian Airlines. Both offer non-stop flights to European cities – Aer Lingus to Dublin and Norwegian to Edinburgh. Mr. Dillon spoke about some of the newest amenities at the airport including new concessions with a local emphasis such as the Two Roads Brewery and valet parking and rental returns – services soon to come on line.

Mr. Dillon noted the importance of working on transit links to the airport to enhance the passenger experience. The Airport Authority worked with CRCOG through its recent Comprehensive Transit Service Analysis to recommend improvements to the Bradley Flyer bus service. Mr. Dillon noted that the international passenger expects high quality transit service making it a priority for the Airport Authority in its work with the Bradley Development League and the four surrounding municipalities.

3. **2018 RPC Member Appointment Requests**

Emily Hultquist reviewed the RPC Appointment Request process with commission members and reminded them that requests would be coming to their planning departments shortly.

4. **Adoption of 2018 Meeting Schedule**

Chair Karl Profe asked for a motion and second to adopt the 2018 RPC Meeting Schedule. Emily Hultquist pointed out that the March meeting date falls on the second Thursday of the month as opposed to the third to accommodate some communities whose commission meetings fall on the third Thursday of the month.

Stanley Sobieski made a motion which Monty Aerhart seconded to adopt the 2018 RPC Meeting Schedule. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Report on Zoning and Subdivision Referrals**

Lynne Pike DiSanto presented this item to the committee. Themes in this report included agritourism, a 36 family subdivision and the Willington Plan of Conservation and Development.

Ted Cabata moved to approve the referrals. Monty Aerhart seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6. What's New in My Town-A Discussion and Report on Local Planning and Development Activities in the Municipalities of the Capitol Region

Manchester-The town of Manchester is working on sign enforcement and regulation updates due to the sale of farmland.

Mansfield- The town is working on updating its zoning regulations in the areas of landscaping and lighting.

Plainville- The town is looking at the Chung property which is in the vicinity of Route 372. A developer has a concept for this area and the site will need brownfields remediation.

Coventry- The town is having preliminary discussions on two small subdivisions and a referendum related to the library expansion.

Suffield-The Town of Suffield is looking at subdivision proposals. Ground has broken on the Broad Brook Brewery.

Canton – The town is reviewing a 99 unit housing development at the junction of Route 44 and Route 179. This is in the form based code area and design must be in accordance with the requirements of that zone.

South Windsor – The town is exploring uses for the large open parcel in the vicinity of the I-291 corridor –they are shifting away from Industrial and office uses for that site. The town is also looking at land near Evergreen Walk and considering other uses different from retail for that area.

Southington – The town is working on the development of Route 289 and seeking state assistance.

Newington – The town is currently rewriting their sign regulations. The town is also hoping to get the double rail tracking soon on its rail line.

7. Other Business

With no further discussion items, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.