

DRAFT Minutes
Regional Planning Commission
West Hartford Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT
Thursday, September 6, 2018
7pm

Attendance

Thomas Manning
Ed Marek
Lansford Perry
Jennifer Bartiss-Earley
Ted Cabata
Brandon Malone
Bruce Mayer
Chris Griffin
Bill Rice
Jay Stoppelman
Ros Hall
Monty Aheart
Ron Robbins

Town/Organization

Bolton
Coventry
Canton
Plainville P&Z
Southington
Suffield
Tolland
Glastonbury
Simsbury
Manchester
Mansfield
Vernon
Rocky Hill

Staff

Emily Hultquist
Lynne Pike-DiSanto
Pramod Pandey

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Guests

None.

With a quorum present, but absent a chair or vice chair at the start of the meeting, Monty Aheart volunteered to chair the meeting with the approval of the commission and called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions

All commissioners around the table introduced themselves and introductions were done.

2. Adoption of Minutes: May 10, 2018

Monty Aheart asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the May 10, 2018 RPC meeting.

Ted Cabata made a motion to approve the minutes of May 10, 2018 as written which Ros Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Presentation: Eastern Gateways Study Recommendations

Pramod Pandey gave a presentation on the CRCOG Eastern Gateways Study Recommendations. The study began about three years ago and set out to analyze and create recommendations for Route 44 and Route 195 in Bolton, Coventry, Mansfield and Tolland. The study has had four phases and is currently the study is in its fourth phase. Recommendations have been made in six to seven categories which are: Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements, Signal Upgrade Opportunities, Focus Area Improvements, Local and Regional Transit Service Improvement, Best Practices for Future Development, Special Event Management and Corridor Identification. The study team will be addressing comments on the plan in October and November and will seek approval of town boards and commissions in December 2018 or January 2019.

Several community members had questions for Pramod regarding study recommendations including a question regarding creating a roundabout at a certain intersection to relieve congestion.

Pramod answered committee questions and responded to the roundabout question stating that he would bring this question to the consultant team for potential consideration.

4. Report on Zoning and Subdivision Referrals

Lynne Pike-DiSanto presented these referral reports to the committee. Discussion ensued.

Jennifer Bartiss-Early moved to approve the referrals. Ted Cabata seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mansfield- Continuing to work on the multi-family housing regulations and hope to be done by the end of the year.

Southington- The commission has been exploring cluster development.

Plainville- The commission is working on its plan of conservation and development. The first structure has begun on the brownfield site.

Suffield- The construction on the brewery in town has halted. The town garage is moving from the town center to a site near Windsor Locks. The existing property is slated for private economic development.

Coventry- The Cumberland Farms that has been in front of the commission several times was approved.

Tolland- The commission is exploring the integration of more workforce housing into its zoning regulations.

Glastonbury – The commission approved a brewery to be built in south Glastonbury. The commission is working through some issues on its plan of conservation and development related to incorporating the concept of sustainability.

Rocky Hill – The commission overhauled its sign regulations and they are ready for approval. A new middle school for grades 4 & 5 is under construction. Soon, the commission will be working on animal husbandry regulations.

6. Other Business

Emily Hultquist reminded the commission members that the next meeting of the RPC would be November 15th and that CRCOG would begin to prepare materials to solicit 2019 Appointment Requests.