

Regional Planning Commission Meeting
West Hartford Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT
Thursday, January 19, 2017
7pm

Attendance

Lamont Aheart
Jennifer Bartiss-Earley
Tim Bergin
Cindy Cooper
Tony Koos
Brendan Malone
Dan Mara
Ed Marek
H. Scott Miller
Fred Peck
Lansford Perry
Andy Powell
Karl Profe
Don Rawling
Stanley Sobieski
Julian Stoppelman
Susan Westa

Town/Organization

Vernon
Plainville
Manchester
Windsor Locks
Hartford
Suffield
Bloomfield
Coventry
Glastonbury
Hartford
Canton
Tolland
Windsor
Suffield
Newington
Manchester
Mansfield

Staff

Mary Ellen Kowalewski	CRCOG
Lynne Pike DiSanto	CRCOG
Brittany Stephenson	CRCOG

The main business of the January 19, 2017 Regional Planning Commission meeting was the regional forum on the new Sustainable CT program. Following a brief introduction by Mary Ellen Kowalewski, the workshop was led by Lynn Stoddard and Alyssa Norwood of Eastern Connecticut State University's Institute for Sustainable Energy. The forum started at 7:00pm and concluded at 8:28pm. There were several members of the public attending. There was a brief RPC business meeting after the forum.

Karl Profe chaired the RPC meeting.

With new RPC appointments, there were a number of new attendees present. The meeting started with introductions at 8:32pm.

1. Adoption of Minutes: November 17, 2016

Stanley Sobieski made a motion seconded by Lamont Aheart to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2016 RPC meeting. The motion passed with three abstentions (Cooper, Koos, Mara).

2. Report on Zoning and Subdivision Referrals

Lynne Pike DiSanto presented this item to the committee. She discussed the January 4, 2017 referrals and supplemental referrals, highlighting the CRCOG comments regarding the Stafford zoning regulations on farming and agriculture. She also provided background information and answered questions regarding the referral processes.

Andy Powell moved to approve zoning and subdivision referrals. Jennifer Bartiss-Earley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Other Business:

Appointment of Nominating Committee for RPC Chairman and Vice Chairman

Mary Ellen Kowalewski advised the committee that Karl Profe who has been serving as Vice-Chairman for many years would be willing to step up to the Chairman position. The RPC also needs to appoint a Vice-Chairman. She asked if three committee members would be willing to serve with her on the nominating committee. Lamont Aheart, Brendan Malone, and Karl Profe agreed to serve on the nominating committee. The committee will recommend a slate of officers to the RPC. The terms of officers will be two years. Interested candidates are encouraged to contact Mary Ellen to be included in the consideration process.

Julian Stoppleman commented that CRCOG's model zoning regulations enabling solar are outdated and asked if CRCOG plans to update them. Mary Ellen advised that a grant application to bring a SolSmart Advisor to the region to help with such issues would be submitted in the beginning of the summer. CRCOG could consider an update of the model regulations at that time.

Andy Powell asked about state law requirements pertaining to tiny houses. Mary Ellen advised that she was unaware of the answer but would follow up with a response.

Mary Ellen reminded the Board on the 2017 RPC meeting date changes and indicated she would distribute an updated list for the members.

With no further discussion items, Karl Profe requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Stanley Sobieski moved to adjourn the meeting. Lamont Aheart seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54pm.

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