

**DRAFT MINUTES OF
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

Draft March 9, 2017

ATTENDANCE

RPC Attendees:	Cindy Cooper
Karl Profe	Fred Peck
Jennifer Bartiss-Earley	Brendan Malone
Jay Stoppelman	Ed Marek
Lamont Aheart	David Brassard
Ted Cabata	
Stanley Sobieski	Staff Attendees:
William Rice	Mary Ellen Kowalewski
Donald Rawling	Lynne Pike DiSanto
Mark Jacobs	Pauline Yoder

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Karl Profe.

Adoption of Minutes, January 19, 2017

Lamont Aheart made a motion seconded by Stanley Sobieski to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2017 RPC Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation & Q&A: Update on Regional Service Sharing Initiatives in the Capitol Region by Pauline Yoder, CRCOG Director of Municipal Services

Pauline Yoder, CRCOG Director of Municipal Services gave a presentation on regional service sharing initiatives in the Capitol Region. She gave a status report on the recent statewide aerial flight which CRCOG led. She said aerial orthophotography is now available and LIDAR imagery and data will be available in a few weeks. She also reviewed various back office sharing opportunities such as the HR-Portal, the Capitol Region Purchasing Council, and the IT Services Cooperative. She said these efforts help towns realize significant cost savings and efficiencies. She also briefed the RPC on the work of the Crumbling Foundations Committee. Ms. Yoder provided attendees with a packet of information on CRCOG's various sharing initiatives.

Brief Orientation for New RPC Members

Because there are a number of new RPC members and alternates, Mary Ellen Kowalewski asked attendees to introduce themselves and state which town they represent. Ms. Kowalewski

provided a review on the statutory basis for councils of government and regional planning commissions in Connecticut, CROG's mission, CROG committees and their responsibilities and functions including the RPC. She provided a handout with notes and website links which may be of interest to the members as well as a memo sent to local planners outlining the referral process and a copy of the RPC's Rules of Procedure.

Report of Nominating Committee and Election of RPC Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Mary Ellen Kowalewski reported that on March 2, 2017, a Nominating Committee composed of Karl Profe, RPC Vice Chairman, Lamont Aheart, Vernon RPC Member, and Brendan Malone, Suffield RPC Member, met via conference call to consider recommendations for RPC officers. Based on their deliberations, Karl Profe was recommended to serve as Chairman and Jennifer Bartiss-Earley was recommended to serve as Vice Chair. Ted Cabata made a motion, seconded by Stanley Sobieski, to approve Karl Profe as Chair of the Regional Planning Commission. The motion passed unanimously. Stanley Sobieski made a motion, seconded by Brendan Malone to approve Jennifer Bartiss-Earley as Vice-Chair of the Regional Planning Commission.: The motion passed unanimously.

Report on Zoning and Subdivision Referrals

Lynne Pike DiSanto presented the report on zoning and subdivision referrals. Stanley Sobieski made a motion, seconded by Cindy Cooper to approve the zoning and subdivision referral reports of 2/28/17 and 3/9/17 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

What's New in My Town?

Karl Profe reported that two new apartment buildings near the new train station in Windsor are renting up well. He said the Great Pond development is ready to break ground in the spring. Mark Jacobs of Bloomfield said the Niagara Water Bottling Facility is nearing completion and high end apartments are under construction near downtown. Jennifer Bartiss-Earley of Plainville said the Town's PZC approved solar energy regulations recently. Brendan Malone of Suffield reported that a large hydroponic tomato farm will begin construction in the summer. Jay Stoppelman of Manchester said the PZC is considering revisions to its solar regulations to address ground mounded structures in residential areas.

Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM. Stanley Sobieski made a motion seconded by Brendan Malone to adjourn.