

DRAFT Minutes
Regional Planning Commission SPECIAL MEETING
West Hartford Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT
Thursday, May 10, 2018
7pm

Attendance

Thomas Manning
Ed Marek
Lansford Perry
Janell Mullen
Stanley Sobieski
Jennifer Bartiss-Earley
Nancy Brescia
Ted Cabata
Brandon Malone
Bruce Mayer
Karl Profe
Cindy Cooper

Town/Organization

Bolton
Coventry
Canton
Mansfield
Newington P&Z
Plainville P&Z
Rocky Hill P&Z
Southington
Suffield
Tolland
Windsor
Windsor Locks

Staff

Kimberly Bona
Mike Cipriano
Emily Hultquist
Mary Ellen Kowalewski
Lynne Pike-DiSanto

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Guests

None.

With a quorum present, Chair Karl Profe called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. And thanked everyone for their flexibility in attending the special meeting on short notice.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Karl Profe welcomed everyone, and introductions were done.

2. Adoption of Minutes: March 8, 2018

Karl Profe asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 8, 2018 RPC meeting.

Stanley Sobieski made a motion to approve the RPC meeting minutes of March 8, 2018. Lans Perry seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Presentation: Presentation to Gather Input on Draft CRCOG Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

Lynne Pike-DiSanto explained that CRCOG has hired Milone and MacBroom as the consulting firm to help recreate and update the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Plan must be updated every 5 years, and CRCOG's current Plan will expire in December 2019. She anticipates a draft plan to be complete in June 2018, which will then be sent to towns for review prior to public release. She explained that the plan will then go to public hearing, then DEHMS. Lastly, the plan will go to FEMA for approval. Once approved by FEMA, it will need to be adopted by the towns.

Lynne Pike-DiSanto discussed the need for the plan, what the goals are and how the plan is used.

Bruce Mayer asked if the crumbling foundation issue will be included in the new plan. Lynne Pike-DiSanto stated this issue will be incorporated in the updated plan. She explained that the consultant has been meeting with towns for feedback, to ensure these types of issues are addressed.

Lynne Pike-DiSanto stated there will be a series of public meetings taking place over the next couple of months and encouraged attendance and public input regarding the updated plan.

Discussion followed.

To view the full presentation, please click [here](#).

4. Report on Zoning and Subdivision Referrals

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

Stanley Sobieski moved to approve the referrals. Brendan Malone 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

Bolton- There is a lot of excitement regarding the new bike/walking trails as well as the pedestrian bridges going over the highway.

Mansfield- In the process of overhauling the regulations. There currently a very large project at a standstill until the revised regulations are established.

Southington- Denied sidewalk waiver on West Street (Route 229). Awaiting Public Hearings.

Plainville- Grand opening for second funeral home taking place May 20th. The first meeting with Planometrics (consulting firm for POCD) was held. Very excited, looking at the needs and wants of the towns people and how they can meet the needs of everyone.

Rocky Hill- Route 3 is very dangerous!. Large hotel next to Cumberland Farms is almost complete. Looking into plans regarding raising chickens in town.

Windsor- Karl Profe shared plans for the new baseball field with the Commission. There will be food vendors at the games. No lighting for night meetings.

Suffield- Beginning work on POCD due in 2020. Focusing on open spaces, parking access, etc. Currently, reviewing a special application for Hilltop Farm for the request to obtain open ended permission to hold as many events as they desire.

Canton- Adopted a new formed base code.

Coventry- 3rd Public Hearing for the proposed new Cumberland Farms on Route 44 will be taking place soon. A lot of concern regarding location causing traffic issues.

Tolland- 1st Public Hearing regarding marijuana dispensaries will be held in May. The Old Register Building that has been on the market for some time, will be requesting zoning changes.

Windsor Locks- Crosswalks are being considered on Route 75. Route 75 is very dangerous and there have been fatalities. Montgomery Mill Building renovation being conducted by Beacon Communities, LLC is moving forward.

6. Other Business

Emily Hultquist explained that the reason for the date change for this meeting was due to a scheduling conflict with the Open Planning Studio for the CRCOG Complete Streets Plan. She stated that CRCOG will be hosting two Open Houses, on May 16 and May 17, 2018 and encouraged members to attend. For event details, please visit <http://crocog.org/2017/05/capitol-region-complete-streets-plan-study/>

Emily Hultquist reminded the RPC that CRCOG's 2018 Annual Meeting is being held on June 13, 2018 at Noon, at 616 New Park Ave. She stated the meeting location is adjacent to Elmwood and encouraged those attending to take CT **fastrak**.

Mary Ellen Kowalewski announced that this will be her last RPC meeting as she will be retiring in July. The RPC members thanked Mary Ellen for her service over the years and expressed that she will be missed.

With no further discussion items, Ted Cabata made a motion to adjourn. Stanley Sobieski seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Newington- Applicant that applied for approval of "doggy daycare" was denied and is now suing PZC. A Chick Filet will be coming to Newington.