

DRAFT Minutes
Regional Planning Commission
West Hartford Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT
Thursday, January 17, 2019
7pm

Attendance

Dan Mara
Thomas Manning
Ed Marek
Lansford Perry
Amanda Thompson
Linda DeGray
Mary Scutt
Chris Griffin
Tim Bergin
Jay Stoppelman
Stanley Sobieski
Jennifer Bartiss-Earley
Ron Robbins
Bill Rice
Brandon Malone
Jesse Gannelli
Lamont Aheart
Ken Smith

Town/Organization

Bloomfield
Bolton
Coventry
Canton
East Granby
Enfield
Enfield
Glastonbury
Manchester P&Z
Manchester P&Z
Newington P&Z
Plainville P&Z
Rocky Hill P&Z
Simsbury
Suffield
Tolland
Vernon
Windsor

Staff

Kimberly Bona
Emily Hultquist
Tim Malone
Caitlin Palmer
Lynne Pike-DiSanto

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Guests

S.B. Chatterjee

West Hartford resident

With a quorum present, Vice Chair Jennifer Bartiss-Earley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Emily Hultquist introduced CRCOG's newest Planner, Caitlin Palmer. The commission welcomed Caitlin.

Vice Chair Jennifer Bartiss-Earley welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introductions were done.

Jennifer Bartiss-Earley announced the RPC must appoint a Nominating Committee and entertained a motion to add this item to the agenda.

Stanley Sobieski made a motion to add "Nominating Committee" to the agenda under Other Business. Jay Stoppelman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Adoption of Minutes: September 6, 2018

Jennifer Bartiss-Earley asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 6, 2018 RPC meeting.

Brendan Malone made a motion to approve the RPC meeting minutes of September 6, 2018. Ed Marek seconded the motion and the motion carried with the following members abstaining: Daniel Mara, Linda DeGray, Mary Scutt, Amanda Thompson.

3. Presentation: Metro Hartford Future, a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Capitol Region

Tim Malone, CEDS Project Manager, presented an update to the commission.

4. Report on Zoning and Subdivision Referrals

Caitlin Palmer presented these referral reports to the committee. Discussion ensued.

Bill Rice moved to approve the referrals as presented. Stanley Sobieski 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

Plainville- Goodwill has been opened on Route 372, which was a former Brownfield site. She stated there is another large parcel that is seeking approval for a subdivision, however there are some questions about this. Rough draft of POCD is in the works.

Manchester- there are changes in retail that must be dealt with.

Suffield- changing regulations. Public is expressing much interest farm tourism. Trying to find a happy medium in the regulations so this can be accommodated. Amanda Thompson suggested Suffield reach out to Gary Haines, East Granby ZEO, as he has dealt with this same issue in East Granby.

Coventry- there have been preliminary discussions with the Creative Living Community of Connecticut, a non-profit that provides agricultural/farming skills for the disabled, etc. More to come on this.

Bolton- there has been modest improvement to Route 44 corridor. Will be re-doing their regulations.

Simsbury- they are revising regulations.

Vernon- there are two new housing developments on Route 83 and Route 30.

Glastonbury- a new, very modern, Marriot is to be built at Somerset Square.

Enfield- Passed Transit Oriented District (TOD) regulations. Enfield square has been purchased.

Bloomfield- Beginning their POCD. New apartment complex on Cottage Grove Road. Will be revising regulations to eliminate the distance requirement between locations with liquor permits.

East Granby- making a regulation change to permit marijuana dispensary. Also, will be a new brewery coming soon. There has been discussion about creating regulations regarding food trucks in town.

Tolland- Halfway done with POCD. Medical marijuana dispensary is being considered.

Newington- 8-30g Housing application for development on Cedar Street was denied. Old auto dealer in brownfield area needs to be cleaned up. Working on POCD. Doggy daycare issue may be resolved soon.

Canton- Public Hearing to approve new subdivision regulations - tabled.

6. Other Business

6.1 Nominating Committee

Emily Hultquist informed the commission that Karl Profe does not wish to serve another term as the RPC Chair, therefore, a Nominating Committee must form so new term appointments can be done. Vice Chair Jennifer Barliss-Early expressed interest in serving as the next Chair of the RPC. She asked the Commission to consider a change of meeting start time to 7:15pm to accommodate her day job, if she were to be appointed to Chair. Emily Hultquist stated that CRCOG has a new Board Room which could accommodate the RPC meetings if the commission is in favor of changing locations. This will be discussed further at the March RPC meeting.

Jay Stoppelman made a motion to appoint the following members to the 2019 RPC Nominating Committee:

- Brendan Malone
- Stanley Sobieski
- Lansford Perry

Ed Marek seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

With no further discussion items, Jay Stoppelman made a motion to adjourn. Stanley Sobieski seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.