

**Regional Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
West Hartford Town Hall, Room 217, 50 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT
Thursday, May 16, 2019
7pm**

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

Attendance

Dan Mara
Ed Marek
Lans Perry
Chris Griffin
Gary Bazzano
Jay Stoppelman
Stanley Sobieski
Jennifer Bartiss-Earley
Brendan Malone

Town/Organization

Bloomfield
Coventry
Canton
Glastonbury
Hartford P&Z
Manchester
Newington P&Z
Plainville P&Z
Suffield

Staff

Emily Hultquist	CRCOG
Lynne Pike-DiSanto	CRCOG
Kimberly Bona	CRCOG
Caitlin Palmer	CRCOG

Guests

Attorney Mike Zizka, Halloran and Sage

Vice-Chair Jennifer Bartiss-Earley called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Vice-Chair Jennifer Bartiss-Earley welcomed Attorney Zizka and introduced him to the Commission.

2. Adoption of Minutes: March 21, 2019

Vice-Chair Jennifer Bartiss-Earley asked for a motion to approve the minutes as revised to reflect the attendance of Brendan Malone at the March 21, 2019 RPC meeting.

Stanley Sobieski moved to approve the RPC meeting minutes of March 21, 2019 as amended. Brendan Malone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Presentation: CT Land Use Law Review, Attorney Mike Zizka, Halloran and Sage

Attorney Zizka spoke in length to the Commission regarding the many different levels of land use law. He specifically discussed specific proposed legislation and court cases related to land use including signage and advertising, and answered questions from Commission members.

Discussion followed.

Jennifer Bartiss-Early thanked Attorney Zizka for his time and informative discussion with the RPC.

4. Presentation and Discussion of RPC Subcommittee Revisions to RPC Rules of Procedure

This item has been TABLED and will be addressed at the RPC meeting in September when more members are in attendance.

5. Report on Zoning and Subdivision Referrals

Caitlin Palmer reviewed the Zoning and Subdivision Referrals with the RPC.

Brandon Malone made a motion to approve the referrals as presented. Stanley Sobieski seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

Plainville- Public session for POCD was held, not a big turnout but received good feedback. FYI to members, easement language cannot be regulated by PZC.

Canton- Regulations have been changed so all homes in Canton may be 2 family homes as of right in any residential zone.

Newington- Hired Planimetrics consultants to begin 2020-2030 POCD process. Hearings should begin in September.

Coventry- Has been quiet. Budget has passed.

Glastonbury- Development also has been quiet. New excavation regulations passed. 2018-2028 POCD was approved last fall. Town is working to connect more multi use trails.

Rocky Hill- Two schools being constructed are progressing and should be done soon. Old Ames building is still vacant. An old rail line is being reactivated.

Hartford- Hope to have Hartford 400 survey results soon.

Suffield- Working on zoning town-owned parcel in the center of Suffield as “residential accessory”.

Manchester- Pursuing development of mills for elderly housing on the Green.

7. Other Business

With no other business, Stanley Sobieski moved to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Brendan Malone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.