

**Regional Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**West Hartford Town Hall, Room 400, 50 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT**  
**Thursday, September 19, 2019**  
**7pm**

**DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED**

**Attendance**

Tom Manning  
Ed Marek  
Lans Perry  
Chris Griffin  
Gary Bazzano  
Jay Stoppelman  
Roswell Hall  
Stanley Sobieski  
Dave Blume  
Brendan Malone  
Bruce Mayer  
Lamont Aheart  
Ken Smith

**Staff**

Emily Hultquist  
Lynne Pike DiSanto  
Kimberly Bona  
Caitlin Palmer

**Town/Organization**

Bolton  
Coventry  
Canton  
Glastonbury  
Hartford P&Z  
Manchester  
Mansfield  
Newington P&Z  
Simsbury  
Suffield  
Tolland  
Vernon  
Windsor

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**Guests**

None.

Vice-Chair Brandon Malone called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Committee members introduced themselves.

**2. Adoption of Minutes: May 16, 2019**

**Vice-Chair Brandon Malone asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2019 RPC meeting. Stanley Sobieski made a motion to approve the RPC**

meeting minutes of May 16, 2019 as presented. Gary Bazzano seconded the motion and it carried with Bruce Mayer, Tom Manning and Dave Blume abstaining.

**3. Presentation and Discussion of RPC Subcommittee Revisions to RPC Rules of Procedure**

Emily Hultquist reviewed suggested amendments to the current RPC Rules of Procedure made by the RPC Subcommittee. She explained that the RPC is not required per state statues, but feels it is a valuable committee. The members concurred. Discussion followed.

**Stanley Sobieski made a motion to accept the amended RPC Rules of Procedure as reviewed and presented. Lans Perry seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

**4. Presentation: Policy and Planning update**

Lynne Pike-DiSanto presented to the Commission with an update on Brownfields. To view the presentation, please [click here](#).

**5. Report on Zoning and Subdividsion Referrals**

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

**Stanley Sobieski made a motion to approve the referrals as presented. Monte Aheart 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**

Committee members provided updates on local planning and development activities in thier cities and towns.

Suffield – Not much happening right now. Couple of 2 lot subdivisions in progress. Broadbrook Brewing opened, very exciting!

Newington – Turned down workforce housing due to safety concerns due to no sidewalks, however, the Judge ruled in thier favor. Not opposed to workforce housing, just feel is is very dangerous with no sidewalks. Will apply for mortitorium. New town hall being constructed.

Tolland – POCD going to public hearing. Medical marijuana approval will be going to a town meeting soon. There is some concern regarding this topic.

Manchester – Approved 44 unit development of \$400k homes. Denied zoning changes to allow indoor sports facility in residential zone.

Simsbury- PZC approved 19 residences on 4 acre lot near Avon/Simsbury line. Auto dealer on north side of town has gone out of business and a Big Y is seeking approval to build in there. Solar farm has been approved, should be complete by 11/1.

Mansfield – Possible 400-500 apartments to be constructed for student dwellings. Waiting on actual proposal from the housing authority to be submitted.

Vernon – More luxury apartments being constructed.

Windsor – Updating zoning regulations.

Hartford – New Weaver High School has opened and it is spectacular! New housing project next to high school, also. Westbrook Village being renovated. Albany Ave is cleaning up nicely. More apartments going up on Arch Street.

Bolton – Revising zoning regulations. Reviewing 2 applications for home gun sales. Bike trail is completed and motorized bikes are permitted.

Coventry – POCD revisions. Contentious public hearing on 1 of the 2 golf courses in town regarding liquor permit - has been resolved.

Glastonbury – New Marriott at Somerset Square – building design is very modern and is causing some concern. PZC approved it, but Council denied it.

## **7. Other Business**

Emily Hultquist that the next meeting is scheduled for November 21st. Going forward, the RPC will meet quarterly. Committee concurred to meet in November to avoid meeting near the December holidays.

**With no other business, Stanley Sobieski moved to adjourn at 8:23 pm. Gary Bazzano seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**