

Regional Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
West Hartford Town Hall, Room 400, 50 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT
Thursday, November 21, 2019
7pm

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Attendance

Tom Manning
Gary Bazzano
Julian Stoppelman
Bruce Mayer
Jennifer Bartiss-Earley
James Macchio
Bart Pacekonis
Brandon Malone
Monty Aheart

Town/Organization

Bolton
Hartford
Manchester
Tolland
Plainville
Southington
South Windsor
Suffield
Vernon

Staff

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

Guests

Abe Hilding Salorio	Sustainable CT
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Chairperson Jennifer Bartiss-Earley called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson Jennifer Bartiss-Early welcomed everyone. Committee members introduced themselves.

2. Adoption of Minutes: September 19, 2019

Bruce Mayer requested the Brownfield's presentation be added to the minutes of September 19, 2019.

Brendan Malone moved to approve the minutes of September 19, 2019 as amended. Jay Stoppelman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Presentation: Sustainable CT Community Match Fund – Innovative Project Funding for Communities

Abe Hilding Salorio, Community Outreach Manager for Sustainable CT, introduced himself and presented to the commission on the Community Match Funding Project for communities. To view the presentation, please [click here](#).

Jennifer Bartiss-Earley thanked Abe for his time and presentation to the commission.

4. Report on Zoning and Subdivision Referrals

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

Jay Stoppelman made a motion to approve the referrals as presented. Bart Pacekkonis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. Approval of 2020 RPC Meeting Schedule

Monty Aheart made a motion to approve the 2020 RPC meeting schedule as presented. Brendan Malone 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 their cities and towns.

Plainville – POCD has been approved. Overlays for mapping are complete and came out nice.

Southington – POCD is still a hot topic with contentious discussions.

Suffield – Focus on town center village district changed to residential zoning. Industrial zone now allows valet parking for airport access. Hoping to improve economic development.

Tolland – New POCD approved. Big workforce housing. More flexible zoning in commercial zones, hoping to promote growth. Open discussion on what to do with center of town, will be looked into going forward.

Bolton – Revising applications regarding requirements for home business applications.

Hartford – Tearing down and putting up new and improved apartment units at the end of Albany Ave. Beautiful new apartments on Granby Street by Weaver High School. Working on POCD.

South Windsor – School plan or reconstruction of elementary school – 12% growth in schools.

Manchester – Big Y on Tolland Tpke is opening gas station.

Vernon – Construction continues on luxury apartments. New gas station and new Wendy's have been constructed.

7. Other Business

Emily Hultquist stated the Policy Board adopted the RPC amended bylaws/rules of procedures.

She explained that appointment letters for 2020 RPC members will be sent to towns soon. Please complete them and return to CRCOG.

Jennifer Bartiss-Earley asked about potential speakers for next years meetings. She feels it is a good idea to visit legal guidelines annually.

An update on the viaduct project was requested by Jay Stoppelman.

With no other business, Jay Stoppelman moved to adjourn at 8:27 pm and the motion carried unanimously.