

Regional Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting
Thursday, June 11, 2020
7pm

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

Attendance

Tom Manning
Julian Stoppelman
Stanley Sobieski
Bruce Mayer
Jennifer Bartiss-Earley
Bart Pacekonis
Carlita Cotton
Tom Currier
Ken Smith
Matt Pogson
Travis Simpson

Town/Organization

Bolton
Manchester
Newington
Tolland
Plainville
South Windsor
Mansfield
Columbia
Windsor
Farmington
East Hartford

Staff

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| Kimberly Bona | CRCOG |
| Mike Cipriano | CRCOG |
| Tim Malone | CRCOG |
| Matthew McCarthy | CRCOG Intern |
| Lynne Pike DiSanto | CRCOG |
| Caitlin Palmer | CRCOG |
| Lyle Wray | CRCOG |
| Pauline Yoder | CRCOG |

Guests

Caller from 18609830764

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson Jennifer Bartiss-Early welcomed everyone.

2. Adoption of Minutes: November 21, 2019

Stanley Sobieski moved to approve the minutes of November 21, 2019 as amended. Bart Pacekonis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Presentation: CRCOG COVID-19 Resources and Current Work

Pauline Yoder presented to the committee on CRCOG's current involvement with COVID-19. To view the presentation, please [click here](#).

Jennifer Bartiss-Earley thanked Pauline for her time and presentation to the commission.

4. Presentation: CRCOG's Work on Scenario Planning

Tim Malone presented to the committee on CRCOG's work on Scenario Planning. To view the presentation, please [click here](#).

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

5. Report on Zoning and Subdivision Referrals

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

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

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

Plainville - The chair of the PZC and Town Planner go to Town Hall for Commission meetings, others participate through Zoom. A large warehouse was approved which is expected to increase the tax base and local jobs.

Newington – PZC has been discussing the potential for a new brew pub and food truck.

Mansfield – Not much to report; all meetings are being held virutally on Go To Meeting.

Windsor – 4 million square foot Amazon building to be constructed along Route 20 and Interstate 91.

South Windsor – Holding virtual meetings. Costco store; a lot of development taking place and residential projects are moving forward. A lot of business being placed on hold until in person meetings resume.

Manchester – Updating Parkade overlay zoning regulations. Parkade theater would like to expand to include drive-in theater. Old JC Penney building will become Stop and Shop distribution center.

Tolland – Microbrewery has been approved. POCD has been completed. Discussion regarding potential revision to regulations so they are more ‘business friendly’ to make development process easier.

Farmington – Approved riverfront floating zone which will eventually be tied in with bike path. Significant development by UConn medical facility with multifamily buildings. Many permit and application requests, but they are running out of room for development. Town Planner has resigned.

7. Other Business

With no other business, Stanley Sobieski made a motion to adjourn at 8:13 pm. Bart Pacekonis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.