

**Capitol Region Council of Governments
Regional Planning Commission Virtual Meeting
Thursday, September 22, 2022, 7:00 pm**

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Town/Organization</u>
Jennifer Bartiss-Earley	Plainville
Thomas Armstrong	Avon
Tom Manning	Bolton
Elizabeth Vinick	Canton
Ed Marek	Coventry
Todd Zessin	East Granby
Hank Pawlowski	East Hartford
Matt Hutvanger	Farmington
Corey Turner	Glastonbury
Gary Bazzano	Hartford
Raul DeJesus	Hartford
Mike Stebe	Manchester
Bonnie Potocki	Manchester
Bill Rice	Simsbury
Alan Cavagnaro	South Windsor
Deb Goetz	Tolland
Meg Harvey	Windsor
Rich Roberts	Wethersfield
<u>Staff</u>	
Matt Hart	CRCOG
Chris Henchey	CRCOG
Jacob Knowlton	CRCOG
Elizabeth Sanderson	CRCOG
Kyle Shiel	CRCOG

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Jennifer Bartiss-Earley called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm. Chris Henchey introduced new staff members Jacob Knowlton, Elizabeth Sanderson, and Kyle Shiel to the commission.

2. Adoption of Minutes: June 23, 2022

Bill Rice, Simsbury moved to approve the minutes of June 23, 2022 as presented. Corey Turner, Glastonbury seconded the motion; it carried unanimously with Todd Zessin, East Granby abstaining.

3. Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman

The nominating committee presented their candidates for Chair and Vice-Chair to the commission, Jennifer Bartiss-Earley, Plainville and William Rice, Simsbury respectively.

Rich Roberts, Wethersfield moved to approve the nominees. Raul DeJesus, Hartford seconded the motion; it carried unanimously.

4. Presentation: CRCOG Staff – A Discussion on Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Opportunities and Implementation (IIJA)

Elizabeth Sanderson, Kyle Shiel, Jacob Knowlton gave a presentation on CRCOG's role on Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and current and future opportunities for towns in the region. The full presentation and opportunities can be viewed here, and the discussion can be found at the minute mark in the recording.

5. Report on Zoning and Subdivision Referrals

Chris Henchey reviewed recent zoning and subdivision referrals with the RPC. He also noted that all further questions and comments regarding zoning and subdivision referrals should be directed to Jacob Knowlton.

Bill Rice, Simsbury, made a motion to approve the referrals as presented. Elizabeth Vinick, Canton, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Thomas Armstrong, Avon abstaining.

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

During the "What's New in My Town" segment, members discuss recent activities within their respective municipalities. This can include anything from town business, zoning regulations, new structures, and other updates.

This month's discussion can be found at the 31:05 minute mark in the recording found here.

7. Other Business

Gary Bazzano, Hartford discussed methadone clinics in the city and asked CRCOG for any guidance on how to approach. Jacob Knowlton said staff would investigate.

Bonnie Potocki, Manchester discussed repurpose of former schools and converting one to warming shelters for temporary use and asked if towns had any experience with this. Thomas Armstrong, Jennifer Bartiss-Earley, and Rich Roberts all offered guidance on how to handle this.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Corey Turner, Glastonbury at 8:17 pm. The motion was seconded by Gary Bazzano, Hartford and it carried unanimously.