

**Capitol Region Council of Governments
Regional Planning Commission Virtual Meeting
Thursday, March 31, 2022, 7:00 pm**

Attendance

Jennifer Bartiss-Earley
Thomas Armstrong
Jonathan Thiesse
Tom Manning
Charlie Allen
Michael Stebe
Tom Gill
Deb Goetz
Meg Harvey

Town/Organization

Plainville
Avon
Bloomfield
Bolton
East Granby
Manchester
Newington
Tolland
Windsor

Staff

Mike Cipriano
Matthew Hart
Caitlin Palmer
Laura Quintiliani

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Guests

Nick Abbott
Nick Teeling

Desegregate CT
Desegregate CT

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Jennifer Bartiss-Earley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Immediately following the Call to Order, Ms. Bartiss-Earley requested a moment of silence to remember Jay Stoppleman of Manchester. Mr. Stoppleman worked closely with CRCOG for many years and the Regional Planning Commission honored his memory at this time.

2. Adoption of Minutes: November 18, 2021 ([attachment](#))

Jonathan Thiesse moved to approve the minutes of November 18, 2021 as presented. Tom Manning seconded the motion; it carried unanimously with Deb Goetz, Michael Stebe, and Tom Gill abstaining.

3. Re-establishment of a Nominating Committee for Election of a new Vice Chairman

Based on the by-laws set forth for the Regional Planning Commission, a new Chair and a new Vice Chair must be nominated by a nominating sub-committee. Each role serves a two-year term (the last vote was held in 2019). This nominating committee would require members to meet and review nominations for Chair and Vice Chair and present their suggestions to the RPC. The committee should consist of no fewer than five members. Members who are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee or who are interested in serving as Chair or Vice Chair should email Chris Henchey at chenchey@crcog.org.

4. Presentation: Desegregate Connecticut's 2022 Legislative Agenda and Goals (attachment)

Nick Abbott and Nick Teeling from Desegregate CT presented to the Commission on their organization's 2022 Legislative Agenda and Goals. This largely included housing equity, including affordable housing, housing affordability, income to housing cost ratios, population size, and more. [The full presentation can be viewed here.](#)

5. Report on Zoning and Subdivision Referrals

Caitlin Palmer reviewed recent zoning and subdivision referrals with the RPC.

Jonathan Thiesse made a motion to approve the referrals as presented. Tom Manning 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

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 [45:00 minute mark in the recording found here.](#)

7. Other Business

Laura Quintiliani introduced CRCOG's new Executive Director Matthew Hart to the Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Hart has extensive experience within the region and is looking forward to continuing his work with CRCOG.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 pm. The motion was seconded and it carried unanimously.