

Regional Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting
Thursday, September 17, 2020
7pm

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Attendance

Jennifer Bartiss-Earley, Chair
Tom Armstrong
Tom Manning
Jon Thiesse
Tom Currier
Ed Marek
Tim Moore
Michael Grabulis
Mike Stebe
Julian Stoppelman
Carlita Cotton
Stanley Sobieski
Paul Bernstein
Bart Pacekonis
Brendan Malone
Bruce Mayer
Ken Smith

Town/Organization

Plainville
Avon
Bolton
Canton
Columbia
Coventry
East Windsor
Farmington
Manchester
Manchester
Mansfield
Newington
South Windsor
South Windsor
Suffield
Tolland
Windsor

Staff

Kimberly Bona
Mike Cipriano
Tim Malone
Lynne Pike DiSanto
Caitlin Palmer

CRCOG
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Guests

Caller from 860-559-1870

Mike Calabrese, PE,

CTDOT

Kevin Burnham

CTDOT

Casey Harden, PE

Assistant VP, TranSystems

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: June 11, 2020

Jay Stoppelman stated there was an “e” missing in his name. Stanley Sobieski moved to approve the minutes of June 11, 2020 as amended. Jay Stoppelman seconded the motion and it carried, with Brendan Malone abstaining.

3. Memo and Presentation: CTDOT – Greater Hartford Mobility Study

Jennifer Bartiss-Early welcomed Mike Calabrese from CTDOT.

Mike Calabrese, CTDOT, introduced Casey Harden, VP of TranSystems. Casey Harden presented to the commission on the Greater Hartford Mobility Study.

A discussion followed. In response to questions, Casey Hardin said post-COVID remote work patterns, employer incentives to use transit, and structural issues with the I-84 viaduct would be considered.

To view the presentation, please [click here](#).

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. Ken Smith 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 - No update.

Windsor – Steel erection of Amazon district center. Great Pond Development in phase three. Planning is taking place on soccer dome [site](#).

Manchester – [PZC gave positive referral to Town Board of Directors](#) to sell rear of parkade to developer. Plans should be available in November.

Canton – Approved zoning map expansion for one of the village districts. Working on moving forward with updated regulations for towers and antennae. Updated [POCD implementation section](#). Working on affordable housing plan for community.

Avon - Two regulatory changes [considered](#) re: at-home workplace, and [accessory units-both attached and detached units](#).

Bolton – Extended permission for outdoor dining until November 2021.

7. Other Business

Jennifer Bartiss-Early and Lynne Pike DiSanto asked commission members for thoughts and requests for future meeting presentations and discussion.

Topics included:

- [Public safety issues associated with outdoor dining provisions during Covid.](#)
- [Trends related to Aging in Place and associated issues with access to health care and other services.](#)
- [Efforts by DesegregateCT to promote changes to land use regulations](#)

Discussion followed and Commission members expressed a preference for a presentation on [Desegregate CT](#) at the November meeting. Staff proposed to research the other topics for future presentations.

With no other business, Stanley Sobieski made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 pm. Brendan Malone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.