

**Capitol Region Council of Governments
Regional Planning Commission Virtual Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 2024, 7:00 pm**

Attendance

Jennifer Bartiss-Earley
Bill Rice
Lisa Levin
Maria Mozzicato
Jed Larson
Byron Lester
Tom Manning
Elizabeth Vinick
Eric Thomas
Ed Marek
Austin Gelinias
Chris D'Antonio
Mike Kowalski
Dave Leeson
Jim Thurz
Alan Mordhorst
Adam Opin
Gia Pascarelli
Leslie Campolongo
Mathew Bandle
Meg Harvey
Dave Mordasky
David St. Germain
Steven Wagner
Christine Sinopoli
Bob Lavitt
Jamie Sewell
Bonnie Potocki

Richard Roberts

Town/Organization

Plainville
Simsbury
Avon
Avon
Andover
Bloomfield
Bolton
Canton
Coventry
Coventry
East Granby
Enfield
East Windsor
East Windsor
East Windsor
Rocky Hill
Mansfield
Newington
Vernon
Farmington
Windsor
Stafford
Farmington
South Windsor
Suffield
Granby
Southington
Manchester

Wethersfield

Staff

Caitlin Palmer	CRCOG
Jacob Knowlton	CRCOG
Kyle Shiel	CRCOG
Heidi Samokar	CRCOG

Others

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Jennifer Bartiss-Earley called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

2. Adoption of Minutes: November 16, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 2023, as presented made by Bill Rice. Second to the motion provided by Tom Manning; it was carried unanimously with Lisa Levin and Christine Sinopoli abstaining.

3. Report on the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) Update

CRCOG staff delivered the presentation on the Regional POCD at 22 minutes into the recording. **Tom Manning** motions and Gia Pascarelli seconds the motion to extend the 2014 Regional Plan of Conservation and Development to serve as the regional plan for referrals until November of 2024. Bonnie Potocki points out that the reasoning for the extension should be included on the record: Except for graphic design, CRCOG determined it would prepare the POCD in-house, relying on staff availability to complete the plan by May 2024. Since that decision was made, there was almost complete turnover of project staff. In addition, CRCOG was awarded grant funding for other projects which had short timeframes and diverted staff from the POCD in December 2023 and January 2024 - key months in completing a full draft to keep us on schedule. Staff met with the RPC Chair and Vice Chair in February to alert them to the delay and determine a timeframe to move forward as expeditiously as possible while still meeting state notice requirements and providing adequate time for review by the RPC and the Technical Advisory Committee. State statutes do not identify consequences for a delayed adoption of a plan and staff discussed how it could continue to use the 2014 plan in the interim for referrals.

4. Report on Zoning and Subdivision Referrals

Jacob Knowlton reviewed recent zoning and subdivision referrals and existing trends. This can be found at the time 1:40:00 in the recording.

5. Adoption of 2024 Meeting Dates

Motion to approve the 2024 RPC Meeting Dates, as presented motioned by Thomas Manning. Second to the motion provided by Gary Bazzano; it was 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 1:43:00 minute mark in the recording.

6. Other Business

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Rich Roberts, Wethersfield. The motion was seconded by Lisa Levins, Avon and it carried unanimously.