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MINUTES OF REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

September 17, 2009

ATTENDANCE

Members and Alternates

John Larensen, Chairman
Bruce Mortimer
Sandra Bobowski
Michael Seder
Lamont Aheart
Mark S. Drake
Sharon Ramsey

Town

Marlborough
Canton
Hartford
West Hartford
Vernon
Simsbury
Windsor Locks

Others Present

Mary Ellen Kowalewski
Emily Moos

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Being one member short of a quorum, Chairman John Larensen called an informal meeting to order at 7:10 p.m., to allow for general discussion of the Regional Plan Update. An informational meeting took place as a quorum was never established.

Regional Plan Update

John Larensen reported that the required public hearing on the Regional Plan Update had been conducted on September 14th at the West Hartford Town Hall. There were no comments received at the hearing, but staff had received several comments during the public comment period.

Comments were received from the following individuals and agencies:

1. Marina Rodriguez, CED Coordinator and Assistant Town Planner, Vernon and Chip Bellows, Vernon Planning and Zoning Commission member
2. Jennifer Cassidy, Executive Assistant to Councilman James Boucher, Hartford
3. Hiram Peck, Town Planner, and John Loomis, Planning Commission Chairman, Simsbury
4. Neil Pade, Director, Planning and Community Development, Canton
5. Steven Kushner, Director of Planning and Community Development, Avon
6. Peter Hughes, Planning and Development Director, Marlborough
7. Tyler Kleykamp, Lead Planning Analyst, Intergovernmental Policy Division, State Office of Policy and Management
8. Peter Gillespie, Town Planner on behalf of Wethersfield Planning and Zoning Commission
9. Michael Seder, West Hartford Planning and Zoning Commissioner and RPC Representative from West Hartford
10. John Shemo and Rebecca Nolan, MetroHartford Alliance

The OPM comment found the Draft Regional Plan to be not inconsistent with the Conservation and Development Policies Plan for Connecticut 2005-2010. OPM also commended CRCOG for developing this comprehensive plan for the region.

Emily Moos, Senior Community Development Planner, distributed a matrix and reviewed how staff proposed to address the comments. Ms. Moos also distributed revised narrative that had been prepared to date. The RPC generally concurred with the approach being taken to plan revision. Michael Seder of West Hartford offered additional comments on several issues including the economic development chapter, and said that he would follow-up directly with Ms. Moos. All proposed revisions will be provided to the RPC prior to the October meeting, at which time we will seek final adoption of the draft document, and referral to the CRCOG Policy Board for its action. The CRCOG Policy Board will also receive a report on the Regional Plan Update at its September 23rd meeting.

Discussion of CRCOG Sustainable Communities Initiative Proposal

This presentation was rescheduled to the October 15th RPC meeting.

Report on Zoning and Subdivision Referrals

Emily Moos made the report on zoning and subdivision referrals, but no action was taken due to lack of a quorum.

Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 8:05 pm.