

**Simsbury Planning Commission
TOWN OF SIMSBURY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 7:00PM
Meeting Held Via Zoom**

PRESENT: Regular Members: William Rice, Craig MacCormac, Holly Beum, Erin Leavitt Smith, and
Dave Blume (arrived 7:10)
Alternates: Julie Eaton and Rich Cortes

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Glidden CFM CZEO, Director of Planning and Community Development

II. ROLL CALL

1. Appointment of Alternates

Julie Eaton and Rich Cortes were appointed to serve for Dave Blume and vacancy.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Minutes from July 13, 2021 regular meeting

MOTION: E.Leavitt Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, H.Beum seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0-2 Chairman Rice and C.MacCormac abstained).

b. Minutes from September 14, 2021 regular meeting

MOTION: C.MacCormac made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with a change to Line 5 to read September 14, 2021, E.Leavitt Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0-1 H.Beum abstained)

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Applications

a. None

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Applications

a. None

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Applications

a. None

b. Plan of Conservation and Development Update

Chairman Rice discussed Chapter 7 and areas which refer to community character.

C.MacCormac described what he felt was community character using environmental factors that contribute to the character.

E.Leavitt Smith suggesting keeping the heading for the Chapter general.

Chairman Rice stated he was struggling with implementing changes because he felt that the term character was appropriate for the chapter.

R.Cortes suggested that the changes should follow the Zoning Re-org Bill. M.Glidden discussed how the POCD influences the development of zoning regulations and therefore these changes should be considered.

J.Eaton stressed quantifying the reasoning for the use of character or a substitute term for the chapter. She referred to the goal of enhancing and preserving characteristics noted on page 44 of the POCD.

E.Leavitt Smith stated that there needs to be way to say the term character without creating a feeling of exclusion. R.Cortes agreed.

R.Cortes suggested that Chapter 7 needs wordsmithing in order to address these concerns.

C.MacCormac suggested that terms should be added that express diversity and make it clear that the community is open and diverse. He felt these changes could help better explain the goals for the town.

Chairman Rice suggested that staff reach out to Glen Chalder and see if he could help with the re-write of these chapters of the POCD. M.Glidden stated he will contact Mr. Chalder and see if he could assist the town with this update.

Chairman Rice reviewed the affordable housing tool that was discussed at the CROCG regional planning commission meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: E.Leavitt Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting C.MacCormac seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.

Submitted by

Michael Glidden CFM CZEO
Acting Clerk