

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.
Main Meeting Room – Simsbury Town Hall
933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Leavitt-Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Town Planner, George McGregor; Planning Consultant, Glenn Chalder; Planning Chair, Erin Leavitt-Smith; Planning Secretary, William Rice; Planning Commission Members: Holly Beum, Joseph Campolieta, Julie Eaton, and Marcus Furze.

Commissioner Furze was appointed as a regular member for tonight’s meeting.

Absent: Planning Commission Members: Donald Colantonio and Craig MacCormac.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 14, 2023

Chair Leavitt-Smith stated that line 53 “comprises” should read “compromises.”

MOTION: Secretary Rice made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Campolieta, to approve the Minutes of the November 14, 2023, Regular Meeting as amended. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Beum abstained. (5-0-1).

III. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IV. PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Chalder led the Planning Commission through the revised copy of the POCD, with edits from November 13, 2023, meeting’s discussion.

The Planning Commission made further revisions.

MOTION: Commissioner Campolieta made a motion, seconded by Secretary Rice, for the Town of Simsbury Planning Commission to adopt the Town of Simsbury 2024 Plan of Conservation and Development:

Whereas Section 8-23 of the Connecticut General Statutes requires the Planning Commission (“Commission”) to prepare, adopt, and amend a Plan of Conservation and Development (“POCD”) for the municipality and requires Commission review at least once every ten years.

Whereas The Commission has prepared an update of the 2017 POCD, entitled the 2024 Town of Simsbury Plan of Conservation and Development, effective January 1, 2024.

Whereas The Commission, with the assistance of Town Planning Staff and Glenn Chadler of the planning consultancy, Planimetrics, engaged in a robust public process during 2022 and 2023, soliciting input from citizens through an on-line community survey, stakeholder meetings, two public input sessions, and a formal public hearing.

Whereas The Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on October 24, 2023, closed that same date, for the purpose of receiving comments on the Draft POCD.

Whereas A copy of the Draft POCD, dated August 11, 2023, was filed in the Office of the Town Clerk on August 17, 2023; referred to the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen on August 17, 2023, and; referred to the Capital Region Council of Governments on August 17, 2023.

Whereas The Commission has considered the information presented at the public hearing, as well as communications received relative to the POCD and has made numerous revisions to the Draft based on this public input, communication, and additional study.

Whereas the POCD establishes goals, policies, and implementation items for achieving community goals over the next ten years.

Whereas The POCD will provide a policy guide and decision-making framework to local boards, commissions, and citizens with regard to conservation and development activities in the Town of Simsbury for the next decade.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Simsbury Planning Commission that the Town of Simsbury 2024 Plan of Conservation and Development, with a final revision date of January 2024, and including minor additional revisions directed by the Commission on November 28, 2023, is hereby ADOPTED, with an effective date on January 1, 2024. The motion carried unanimously. (6-0-0).

91 **V. GENERAL COMMISSION BUSINESS**

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93 Chair Leavitt-Smith thanked Commissioner Eaton for her service on the Planning
94 Commission, highlighting her instrumental commentary throughout the POCD process.

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96 Chair Leavitt-Smith also thanked Commissioner MacCormac for his service on the
97 Planning Commission.

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99 **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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101 Chair Leavitt-Smith adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:43 P.M.

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103 Respectfully Submitted,

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105 Amanda Blaze
106 Commission Clerk