# SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION **JANUARY 8, 2020**

A Special Session of the EAST HARTFORD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION was held in the Welling Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Town Hall, 740 Main Street, East Hartford, CT on January 8, 2020.

# CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

# **ROLL CALL**

# **Present:**

John Ryan, Chair Henry Pawlowski, Vice Chair Carol Noel, Secretary Travis Simpson Valentine Povinelli Stephen Roczynski Sidney Soderholm Joshua Quintana, Alternate

# **Also Present:**

Jeffrey Cormier, Town Planner

The Chair declared a quorum with 7 voting members present.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2019

Upon a motion by Hank Pawlowski, seconded by Sid Soderholm, the Commission Voted (7-0) to approve the Special Meeting minutes of December 11, 2019.

# DISCUSSION OF A COMPREHENSIVE REVISION TO THE ZONING REGULATIONS AND SILVER LANE DESIGN DISTRICT

On-call planning consultants John Guszkowski and Mike D'Amato of CME Associates, presented the Commission with a general overview of the Silver Lane Special Design District and the impact it will have on revisions to the town's zoning regulations. It was noted that the zoning regulations have not been

updated since 1997. Glenn Chalder from Planimetrics led a discussion with the Commission on reorganizing the regulations. He believes that involving the public, the residents and business leaders will be extremely beneficial to making the zoning regulations not only workable for the town but practical for developers and homeowners as well. Mr. Calder suggested several workshops should be scheduled in order to accomplish this goal.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

• C.G.S. 8-24 REFERRAL – 1450 Main Street (A.K.A. Tastebuds banquet hall); sale of the property for commercial use.

Upon a motion by Carol Noel, seconded by Travis Simpson, the Commission Voted (7-0) for a favorable recommendation of the 8-24 referral for the sale of the property for commercial use.

• **BOND RELEASE** – 347A King Street (A.K.A. Burnham Meadows subdivision); Subdivision bond in the amount of \$57,000.

Upon a motion by Travis Simpson, seconded by Carol Noel, the Commission **Voted (7-0)** to **deny** release of the subdivision at 347A King a.k.a. Burnham Meadows.

#### FY 2020-2021 P&Z BUDGET

Upon a motion by Carol Noel, seconded by Hank Pawlowski, the Commission Voted (7-0) to approve the FY21 budget for the Planning & Zoning Commission as presented by Town Planner Jeffrey Cormier.

# • SILVER LANE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Town Planner Jeffrey Cormier reviewed with the Commissioners the proposed revisions to the Silver Lane corridor for the town's POCD that he will present to the Town Council at their January 21st meeting.

- Travis Simpson suggested contacting Goodwin College to ask them to remove what is remaining of the house located on High Street that was demolished.
- Hank Pawlowski reported that handicapped parking signs are missing at Krauzer's Convenience Store on Main Street.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Cormier, Town Planner