

**East Hartford Planning & Zoning Commission
Hybrid-Teleconference Special Meeting
September 28, 2022**

A Special Workshop Meeting of the **EAST HARTFORD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION** was held via Microsoft “Teams” at Town Hall, 740 Main Street, East Hartford CT on September 28, 2022.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present:

John Ryan, Chair
Henry Pawlowski, Vice Chair - Virtual
Carol Noel, Secretary
Sidney Soderholm
Valentine Povinelli

Absent:

Stephen Roczynski
Peter Marra
Wesaneit Tsegai, Alternate
Melissa-Sue John, Alternate

Also Present

Eileen Buckheit, Development Director
Steve Hnatuk Interim Town Planner

OLD BUSINESS

A. ZONING REGULATIONS COMPREHENSIVE REWRITE WORKSHOP SESSION

Review of updated draft regulations dated 9/21/22. Planning and Zoning Commission to set date for a public information meeting in October. Session led by Glenn Chalder, AICP of Planimentrics.

Mr. Chalder presented a PowerPoint presentation highlighting proposed changes which were incorporated into the draft Zoning Regulations including the new formatting, use, tables, and general re-organization and user-friendliness among others. The commission discussed proposed changes including Design Review. The commission discussed how to make the draft regulation and materials available to the public. The commission agreed to share regulations on the Town website and utilize social media if the town has any social media accounts. The commission set a public information session for public discussion of the Draft Regulations for November 1st or 3rd pending Council Chambers availability. Town Staff will notify the commission and the public what the finalized date is and will post the materials online.

B. DISCUSSION OF DRAFT REVISIONS TO CANNABIS ZONING REGULATIONS

Town Planner S. Hnatuk outlined what changes the commission may want to make to the existing cannabis zoning regulations to make the regulations more accommodating to existing cannabis license holders and concurrent with the State of Connecticut's definitions for various cannabis establishments. The commission will anticipate receiving a revised text application according to their adopted schedule and will likely have a hearing on the matter at the November Regular meeting. Town Planner S. Hnatuk will draft the revisions according to the proposed master draft regulations presented at the meeting 9/28/22.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ryan entertains a motion to adjourn.

Noel made motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by S. Soderholm. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Next meeting is October 12, 2022 in Council Chambers

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hnatuk, Interim Town Planner