

**EAST HARTFORD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 24, 2014
WORKSHOP SESSION MINUTES**

A Workshop Session Meeting of the **EAST HARTFORD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION** was held in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 740 Main Street, East Hartford, Connecticut on September 24, 2014.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Peter Bonzani, Chair
Mary Whaples, Vice Chair
Valentine Povinelli, Jr.
Travis Simpson
John Ryan (Alternate)

ABSENT

Kathleen Salemi, Secretary
Thomas Fitzgerald
Paul J. Roczynski
Amy Sawyer (Alternate)
Crystal Hernandez (Alternate)

ALSO PRESENT

Michael Dayton, Town Planner
Denise Horan, Town Engineer
Gregg Grew, Director, Inspections & Permits Department

Chair Bonzani stated that there were 5 Commissioners in attendance, including Alternate John Ryan.

DISCUSSION ON ALTERNATE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS FOR EAST HARTFORD MULTI-USE TRAIL AT RIVERSIDE DRIVE AND WILLOW STREET

Town Engineer Denise Horan reviewed with the Commission the town's revised concept plan for the multi-use trail at the intersections of Riverside Drive, Willow Street and Route 2. It was the consensus of the Commission that the revised concept plan addresses concerns raised previously by the Commission

To accommodate Ms. Horan, the following item was added:

Riverside Linear Park

The Town Engineer reported that due to a recent traffic accident on the Founders Bridge, emergency remediation of spilled diesel fuel was needed in the location of the bridge storm-water discharge spill pad located in Great River Park. The Town Engineer asked if the Commission wanted a formal Flood Hazard

Development Permit application for such work. It was the consensus of the Commission to only require a copy of the incident report for filing purposes since the work is being coordinated with Federal and State agencies.

DISCUSSION REGARDING NEW COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL STORAGE CONTAINER REGULATIONS

It was the consensus of the Commission that several changes should be made to the revised regulations: (1) under 215.3 delete the town-owned property exemption and move it to 215.4; (2) under 215.4, allow storage containers with special permit approval – not site plan approval; (3) state maximum size allowed for the storage containers; and (4) indicate a unified color format for the containers.

DISCUSSION REGARDING NEW DIRECTIONAL SIGNS REGULATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH A NEW AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIP

It was the consensus of the Commission that the regulation requires the new directional sign be affixed to the building – not free standing.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Commission agreed to hold a workshop on Wednesday, October 22nd @ 5:30PM in Council Chambers to discuss truck/boat storage in residential zones and site plan and subdivision bond requirements.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Travis Simpson, seconded by John Ryan, to adjourn at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Dayton
Town Planner