

Redding Planning Commission

Redding Center, Connecticut 06875-1028

Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2022 - 7:30 P.M.

Community Room

Redding Community Center - 37 Lonetown Road

Redding, CT

Present: Daniel Barrett, Chairman; Regina O'Brien, Secretary; Commissioner Roger VanAusdal; Alternate Chuck Cilo; Alternate Jim Bacon.

Also Present: Selectman Peg O'Donnell; Selectman Michael Thompson; Aimee Pardee, Land Use Director; members of the public.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. seating Mr. Cilo for Commissioner Steve Gagnon, and seating Mr. Bacon for Commissioner Anda Cummings.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 12, 2022

Ms. O'Brien noted that the minutes had her both present for, and absent from, the meeting. She clarified that she was present. The minutes also omitted that Mr. Welles was seated for Commissioner Anda Cummings and Mr. Cilo was seated for Commissioner Steve Gagnon. The Chairman also noted that, under the discussion of mowing of scenic roads, the first sentence should current the word "moved" to mowed.

The Commission accepted the minutes as corrected.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes 8-30j, the Redding Planning Commission, in collaboration with the Western Connecticut Council of Governments, has developed a draft Affordable Housing Plan ("The Plan"), including a Redding Annex.

The Redding Planning Commission is holding a Public Hearing for discussion of The Plan.

Ms. O'Brien read the call for the hearing. On the motion of Mr. VanAusdal and the second of Mr. Cilo, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the call and open the hearing.

The Chairman gave a brief introduction, explaining that the State of Connecticut has required towns to develop an Affordable Housing Plan and that the plan developed uses

much of the same language as the Town Plan of Development that was adopted in 2020. He also mentioned an article about the Affordable Housing Plan that appeared in the Danbury News Times that seemed to tie the plan adoption to plans for development of the former Gilbert and Bennett wire mill property; he clarified that discussion of plans for that property were not part of the hearing's discussion.

The Chairman opened the hearing to public comment. Selectman Michael Thompson spoke, thanking the Commission for their work on the plan. He asked about a timeline for implementation of the plan; the Chairman stated that the state has not mandated a particular schedule beyond completion of the plan.

Hearing no further comment, Ms. O'Brien moved that the hearing be closed. Mr. Cilo seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/DISCUSSION

The Chairman reported no items for discussion so he called for an adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by:
Aimee Pardee