

**Capitol Region Council of Governments
Regional Planning Commission Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, November 5, 2025, 7:00 pm**

Attendance

Bill Rice
Tom Manning
Mike Kowalski
Chris D'Antonio
Alan Mordhorst
Michael Stebe
Sandy Trionfini
Meg Harvey
Jim Thurz
Byron Lester

Town/Organization

Simsbury
Bolton
East Windsor
Enfield
Rocky Hill
Manchester
Canton
Windsor
East Windsor
Bloomfield

Staff

Caitlin Palmer	CRCOG
Jacob Knowlton	CRCOG
Kyle Shiel	CRCOG
Heidi Samokar	CRCOG
Sonya Carrizales	CRCOG

The quorum was not met, so no action was taken during this RPC meeting.*

1. Call to Order

Bill Rice called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

2. Adoption of Minutes: September 4, 2026

N/A*

3. Approval of 2026 Meeting Dates

N/A* Meeting dates will be voted on via an online forum before the start of 2026.

4. A Presentation by CRCOG: Third Places – Social Infrastructure in the Capitol Region

This item can be found at the 00:06:53-minute mark of the recording. During this Kyle Shiel and Jacob Knowlton gave a presentation on the newly published CRCOG report on Third Places providing an outline of the loneliness epidemic spurred by our built environment and presenting some solutions for supporting existing and new development of third places, key spaces for socializing and fostering community.

5. CRCOG Updates

This item can be found at the 00:44:20 minute mark. During this time, CRCOG staff presented updates on the [Regional Housing Strategy \(Dive into the Data virtual workshop\)](#), the [SB-9 CRCOG Summary](#), the

[Connecticut Affordable Housing Conference](#), a [priority pathways meeting](#), a [Transportation Safety Action Plan meeting](#), the designation of Kyle Shiel as the Connecticut Municipal Development Authority primary liaison, and finally the announcement of 2026 RPC appointments.

6. Report on Zoning and Subdivision Referrals

Jacob Knowlton reviewed recent zoning and subdivision referrals and existing trends. This review can be found at 00:55:00 in the recording.

7. What's New in My Town

During the “What’s New in My Town” segment, members discuss recent activities within their respective municipalities. This can include anything from town business, zoning regulations, new structures, and other updates.

This month’s discussion can be found at the 00:56:50 minute mark.

8. Other Business

CRCOG staff gave notice about other Land-Use trainings in the coming months hosted by UConn CLEAR. **With no further business, the meeting concluded.**