

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

**Attendance**

Jennifer Bartiss-Earley  
Bill Rice  
Tom Manning  
Elizabeth Vinick  
Eric Thomas  
Mike Kowalski  
Jim Thurz  
Chris D'Antonio  
Christine Chinni  
Alan Mordhorst  
Michael Stebe  
Christine Sinopoli  
Alan Cavagnaro  
Chris Brechlin  
Meg Harvey  
Michael Vogel

**Town/Organization**

Plainville  
Simsbury  
Bolton  
Canton  
Coventry  
East Windsor  
East Windsor  
Enfield  
Granby  
Rocky Hill  
Manchester  
Suffield  
South Windsor  
Wethersfield  
Windsor  
Canton

**Staff**

Caitlin Palmer  
Jacob Knowlton  
Kyle Shiel  
Heidi Samokar  
Sonya Carrizales  
Matt Hart  
Neil Pade

CRCOG  
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Town of Canton

**Others**

Tony Jordan  
Gregory Vaca

Parking Reform Network  
Vaca Properties

**1. Call to Order**

Chairperson Jennifer Bartiss-Earley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**2. Adoption of Minutes: March 6, 2026**

**Motion to approve the minutes of March 5, 2025, made by Bill Rice. Second to the motion provided by Elizabeth Vinick; it was carried unanimously with Chris D'Antonio abstaining due to their absence from the meeting on March 5, 2025.**

### **3. A Presentation by Tony Jordan and Greg Vaca: What to Know about Parking, Making Parking Regulations that Meet the Needs of Community and Developers**

This item can be found at the 00:02:30-minute mark of the recording. During this section Tony Jordan of the Parking Reform Network followed by Greg Vaca of Vaca Properties gave presentations on parking standards discussing how poor parking standards can lead to unhealthy communities but managing curbs and allowing for developer flexibility can help revitalize some of the historic centers and downtowns of the region.

### **4. A CRCOG Debrief: HB 5002 Legislation**

This item can be found at the 1:27:00 minute mark. During this time, CRCOG staff presented an update of the HB5002 Legislation at the time awaiting signature by the Governor.

### **5. Report on Zoning and Subdivision Referrals**

Jacob Knowlton reviewed recent zoning and subdivision referrals and existing trends. This review can be found at 1:40:40 in the recording. Bloomfields POCD is being updated but won't be reviewed at this meeting. A notice was given to commissioners to keep an eye out for that comment letter in the coming weeks.

### **6. RPC Elections with Vote**

This item can be found at the 1:43:00 minute mark. During this item CRCOG staff reviews the RPC's election process and provided a slate of candidates to be voted on which included the incumbent chair and vice chair for reelection. The motion was made by Tom Manning and seconded by Mike Stebe. The motion was carried unanimously. Additionally, Elizabeth Vinick was given a new position as Commissioner Engagement Coordinator.

### **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 1:45:00 minute mark.

### **8. Other Business**

**CRCOG staff gave notice to towns about site solicitation for the Regional Housing Strategy as well as guidance for incorporating your local annex (HMCAP) into local POCDs. Additionally, up and coming land use training sessions were shared. With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Elizabeth Vinick. The motion was seconded by Chris D'Antonio and it carried unanimously.**