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MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.
Simsbury Town Library – Tariffville Room
725 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Secretary Rice called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Planning Commission Secretary, William Rice; Planning Commission Regular Members: Holly Beum; Don Colantonio, Julie Eaton; Planning Commission Alternate Members: Nicholas Criscitelli, Marcus Furze, and Angel Goldman. Staff: Planning and Community Development Director, George McGregor.

Absent: Planning Commission Members: Joseph Campolieta, Chair Erin Leavitt-Smith

Seating of Alternates

Commissioner Goldman and Commissioner Furze were appointed as regular members for tonight’s meeting.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 12, 2024**

MOTION: Secretary Rice made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Eaton, to approve the Minutes of the March 12, 2024, Regular Meeting, as written. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0-1, (Colantonio abstained).

III. **GENERAL COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- **8-24 referral from the Board of Selectmen related to FY 2025 Capital Projects**

At their meeting on March 11, 2024, the Town of Simsbury Board of Selectmen referred the FY 2025 Capital Projects to the Planning Commission for a referral under Section 8-24 of the State Code. These projects are contained in the Board’s Draft Budget currently under review.

Director McGregor introduced the individual projects:

Connecticut State Code requires that substantial capital expenditures on Town property and for Town infrastructure be referred the Planning Commission. The Commission is charged with reviewing and reporting back on project consistency with the goals and policies found in the Plan of Conservation and Development. FY2025 proposes the following projects:

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- Simsbury Meadows Performing Arts Center Bandshell Addition
- Memorial Pool Redesign
- Highway Pavement Management
- Public Works Truck & Plow Replacement
- Sidewalk Reconstruction
- Tariffville Connection - East Coast Greenway Gap Closure
- Old Drake Hill Road Flower Bridge Rehabilitation - Supplemental
- Town Hall Rooftop Units
- Municipal Site and Safety Improvements (Town Hall)
- Barn and Facility Repairs - Wolcott Road
- Dam Evaluation & Repairs (Stoddard Dam Breach)
- Sewer Replacement - Pine Hill - Supplemental
- District Network Infrastructure
- Simsbury High School - Auditorium & Amphitheater Improvements
- Tootin Hills - Replace Roof (V3, V4)

Commissioner Colantonio **MOVED**, seconded by Commissioner Beum, to forward a positive referral to the Board of Selectmen:

MOVED, The Planning Commission finds that the FY 2025 Capital Projects, as described in the Staff Memorandum dated March 26, 2024, are consistent with the Plan of Conservation and Development which seeks to “provide community facilities to meet the community needs and desires as effectively and efficiently as possible” (Goals 11.1 and 11.2 pg.112).

The motion was approved unanimously (6-0-0)

- **Tariffville Neighborhood RFP Submission Review**

The Commission reviewed the RFP submissions for the Tariffville Neighborhood Plan and the Staff recommendation contained in a memorandum.

Secretary Rice **MOVED** to accept the Staff recommendation and invite three finalists (Colliers Engineering and Design, FHI Studio, and SLR International) to the April 23, 2024 regular meeting of the Commission for a presentation and question session.

Commissioner Goldman seconded the Motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6-0-0).

- **POCD Implementation Committee Draft Invite Letter**

Director McGregor reviewed the Draft POCD Plan Implementation Committee invitation letter. The Commission received the letter as information.

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IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Secretary Rice made a motion, without objection, to adjourn the meeting.
(6-0-0).

Secretary Rice adjourned the meeting at 7:37 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

George K. McGregor, AICP
Planning Director