Planning Commission

Regular Meeting
July 14, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.
Simsbury Public Library – FSPL Program Room
725 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER – Secretary Rice called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Present: Secretary, William Rice; Commission Members: Nicholas Criscitelli and Marcus Furze; Alternate Commission Member, Paul S. Sullivan, Sr.; and Planning Director, George McGregor.

Absent: Chair, Erin Leavitt-Simth; Commission Members: Holly Beum and Julie Eaton; Alternate Commission Members: Donald Colantonio and Peter Harrison.

Seating of Alternates: Commissioner Sullivan was appointed as a regular member for tonight's meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 26, 2026, Special Meeting and Joint Meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Criscitelli, to approve the Minutes of the May 26, 2026 Special Meeting and Joint Meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

III. GENERAL COMMISSION BUSINESS

Referrals from the Zoning Commission

ZC #26-18, An application of Dorset Crossing LLC, Owner, Dwight Merriam, Agent, pursuant to Section 8 of the Zoning Regulations for a zone change and amendment to the Master Development Plan to allow a car wash facility at 10 Dorset Crossing (Assessor's Map Block Lot I04 403 13C-F), Planned Area Development (PAD) Zone.

Attorney Dwight Merriam, FACIP, Esq; Civil Engineer, Brandon Handfield, P.E. of Yantic River Consultants, LLC; Architect, Rocco Petitto, AIA of QA+M Architecture; and Landscape Architect, Biff Schechinger, ASLA presented the proposed car wash facility. The Commission asked several follow-up questions and discussed

MOTION: Commissioner Criscitelli made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Furze, that the Planning Commission forward a NEGATIVE referral to the Zoning Commission for **ZC #26-18** as it has potential detrimental impacts to the aquifer, local water supply, environment, and traffic, none of which align with the POCD. Secretary Rice and Commissioner Sullivan opposed the motion. The motion failed (2-2-0).

MOTION: Secretary Rice made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Furze, that the Planning Commission directs Town Staff to prepare a memo transmitting a split referral to the Zoning Commission. The motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Secretary Rice made a motion, without objection, to adjourn the meeting The motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

Secretary Rice adjourned the meeting at 8:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Blaze
Commission Clerk