

APPROVED MINUTES
SUBCOMMITTEE ON PROPOSED ZONING LEGISLATIVE CHANGES
SPECIAL MEETING held via Zoom

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting and are not verbatim transcription.

August 21, 2020

Present: John Katz
Rudy Marconi
Karen Martin
Rebecca Mucchetti
Ben Nneji

Absent: Robert Hendricks

Also Present: Aarti Paranjape, Recording Secretary

I. Call to order

At 2:01 PM, Ms. Mucchetti Chairman of Planning and Zoning Commission called the meeting to order.

II. Election of Chair

Members unanimously elected Ms. Martin as the Chair of the Subcommittee. Motion carried 5-0.

III. Discussions:

- Zoning Legislative Changes

Ms. Martin, informed the members about the proposed zoning bills before the state legislature. The proposed legislation will have significant impact on local zoning regulations with regard to housing.

Mr. Marconi said the session in Hartford could take place in September. The members decided to schedule meetings before the Legislative session to create a document for the Town of Ridgefield to present to the legislature expressing the Town's concerns regarding the proposed legislation.

Ms. Martin said she will reach out to the Planners at local communities via the Planner's Listserve to get feedback from other municipalities who may have started to address the issues advanced by Desegregate CT.

The members ensued discussion on the proposed legislation:

- Protect the character of the town

- Preserve single family Zoning districts
- Study Multifamily and commercial corridor housing

Members agreed that Town of Ridgefield supports the following proposals:

- Accessory Apartment Dwellings
- Training of Planning and Zoning commissioners
- The concept of “Middle housing”
- TOD housing opportunities

The members will meet on August 28 at 2:00PM.

IV: Adjourn:

Mr. Katz motioned and Mr. Nneji seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Hearing nothing further, Chair Ms. Martin adjourned the meeting at 3:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Aarti Paranjape