

RTM Education & Recreation Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2013

The joint meeting of the Education & Recreation Committee and the Public Health & Safety Committee was called to order at Roger Sherman Elementary School at 7:42 pm by Michael Herley.

In attendance: Leonora Campbell (D-6), Julie Gottlieb (D-6), Amy Jennings (R-2), Jay Lipp (R-1), Mary McCullough (R-3), Marc Patten (D-7) and Carol Way (R-10)

Absent: Allen Marks (D-8), Nick Mirabile (R-9) and Hal Schwartz (D-7)

At 10:20 pm, the joint meeting adjourned and the individual committees met for discussion and voting. The Ed & Rec Committee meeting began with the selection of a new Secretary to replace Carolyn Richmond. Representative Patten nominated Julie Gottlieb; the nomination was seconded by Representative Campbell. Representative Gottlieb was elected Secretary by unanimous vote.

Items were taken out of order during the meeting to accommodate presenters' schedules, but are presented here in numerical order.

Item #4:

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Motion made by Representative Jennings and seconded by Representative Campbell.

Vote on Item #4: 7-0-0

Member	In Favor	Against	Abstain	Member	In Favor	Against	Abstain
Leonora Campbell	X			Mary McCullough	X		
Julie Gottlieb	X			Nick Mirabile	---	---	---
Amy Jennings	X			Marc Patten	X		
Allen Marks	---	---	---	Hal Schwartz	---	---	---
Jay Lipp	X			Carol Way	X		

Item #5:

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- Kimberly L. Marshall (D), 180 Brookbend Road
- Steven D. White (U), 98 Rosemere Avenue

Motion made by Representative Jennings and seconded by Representative Gottlieb. Motion then made to split the item made by Representative Patten and seconded by Representative Gottlieb.

Member	Bret Bader	Susan Cardona	William Dunn	Kimberly Marshall	Steven White
Leonora Campbell	Y	Y	Y	A	A
Julie Gottlieb	Y	Y	Y	A	A
Amy Jennings	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Allen Marks	---	---	---	---	---
Jay Lipp	Y	Y	Y	A	A
Mary McCullough	Y	Y	Y	A	A

Nick Mirabile	---	---	---	---	---
Marc Patten	N	Y	N	A	A
Hal Schwartz	---	---	---	---	---
Carol Way	Y	Y	Y	A	A
	6:1:0	7:0:0	6:1:0	1:0:6	0:0:7

Item #6:

To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

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WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Committee intends to seek grant funding from the State Office of Policy & Management for such assistance as may be available to develop said update to the Affordable Housing Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, in accordance with a request from the Director of Community & Economic Development, the First Selectman be, and hereby is authorized to submit an application for assistance under the Housing for Economic Growth Program, as referenced in Section 8-13 of the Connecticut General Statutes, to execute any documents necessary to facilitate the Town’s participation in said program, and to administer any grant funds provided in connection therewith.”

Motion made by Representative Way and seconded by Representative Lipp.

Vote on Item #6: 7-0-0

Member	In Favor	Against	Abstain	Member	In Favor	Against	Abstain
Leonora Campbell	X			Mary McCullough	X		
Julie Gottlieb	X			Nick Mirabile	---	---	---
Amy Jennings	X			Marc Patten	X		
Allen Marks	---	---	---	Hal Schwartz	---	---	---
Jay Lipp	X			Carol Way	X		

Item #7:

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Selectman Michael Tetreau be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the Lease Amendment and related documents.”

Motion made by Representative Way and seconded by Representative Jennings.

Vote on Item #7: 7-0-0

Member	In Favor	Against	Abstain	Member	In Favor	Against	Abstain
Leonora Campbell	X			Mary McCullough	X		
Julie Gottlieb	X			Nick Mirabile	---	---	---
Amy Jennings	X			Marc Patten	X		
Allen Marks	---	---	---	Hal Schwartz	---	---	---
Jay Lipp	X			Carol Way	X		

Item #8:

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Motion made by Representative Campbell and seconded by Representative Lipp. Representative Lipp then made a motion to reduce the bond appropriation of \$1,037,000 by \$737,000 to \$300,000 (to fund the Fairfield Woods Branch Library roof and H. Smith Richardson golf course renovations).

Vote on motion made by Rep. Lipp: 2:3:2

Member	In Favor	Against	Abstain	Member	In Favor	Against	Abstain
Leonora Campbell		X		Mary McCullough			X
Julie Gottlieb		X		Nick Mirabile	---	---	---
Amy Jennings		X		Marc Patten	X		
Allen Marks	---	---	---	Hal Schwartz	---	---	---
Jay Lipp	X			Carol Way			X

Representative Gottlieb then made a motion to reduce the bond appropriation of \$1,037,000 by \$437,000 to \$600,000 (to fund the Fairfield Woods Branch Library roof, Duck Farm Road Bridge and H. Smith Richardson golf course renovations).

Vote on motion made by Rep. Gottlieb: 2:1:4

Member	In Favor	Against	Abstain	Member	In Favor	Against	Abstain
Leonora Campbell		X		Mary McCullough			X
Julie Gottlieb	X			Nick Mirabile	---	---	---
Amy Jennings			X	Marc Patten	X		
Allen Marks	---	---	---	Hal Schwartz	---	---	---
Jay Lipp			X	Carol Way			X

Motion on the original bond appropriation of \$1,037,000 made by Representative McCullough and seconded by Representative Way.

Vote on Item #8: 1:4:2

Member	In Favor	Against	Abstain	Member	In Favor	Against	Abstain
Leonora Campbell	X			Mary McCullough		X	
Julie Gottlieb		X		Nick Mirabile	---	---	---
Amy Jennings			X	Marc Patten		X	
Allen Marks	---	---	---	Hal Schwartz	---	---	---
Jay Lipp		X		Carol Way			X

Item #9:

Adoption of Elections Emergency Plan.

This item was discussed, but not voted upon. Motion made by Representative Lipp and seconded by Representative Way to get a sense of the body, which was unanimously in favor of adoption.

Item #10:

To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

“RESOLVED, that a certain contract negotiated by and between the Town of Fairfield and Local Union #530, Connecticut Organization for Public Safety (COPS), concerning conditions of employment for a period commencing July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2013 be, and hereby is, ratified.”

Motion made by Representative Gottlieb and seconded by Representative Patten.

Vote on Item #10: 6-0-1

Member	In Favor	Against	Abstain	Member	In Favor	Against	Abstain
Leonora Campbell	X			Mary McCullough	X		
Julie Gottlieb	X			Nick Mirabile	---	---	---
Amy Jennings	X			Marc Patten	X		
Allen Marks	---	---	---	Hal Schwartz	---	---	---
Jay Lipp			X	Carol Way	X		

There was a unanimous vote to adjourn at 11:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Gottlieb (D-6)

**Legislative and Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, 3/12/13
For the Representative Town Meeting on Monday 3/18/13**

Committee Members in attendance: Bateson, Becker, Braun, Brogan, Garskof, Hoffkins, Stamler,. Absent: DiMartino, Steele, Varian

Respectfully submitted; Kathryn L. Braun (Secretary).

RTM Agenda Items and actions taken by L&A Committee:

L&A Committee opened immediately following conclusion of Joint Committee Session at about 10:45 pm

4. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:
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Motion to approve: Garskof; Seconded: Hoffkins. Vote: 7-0-0

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Motion to approve: Brogan; Seconded Hoffkins. Vote: 7-0-0

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Motion to approve: Braun; Seconded Stamler. Vote: 7-0-0

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 FURTHER RESOLVED, that First Selectman Michael Tetreau be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the Lease Amendment and related documents." *(Referred to All Standing Committees)*
 Motion to approve: Hoffkins; Seconded Brogan. Discussion: members asked to see the original lease. Vote: 0-0-7 (all members abstained).
8. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance:
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 Motion to approve: Brogan; Seconded Stamler. Discussion: questions regarding the ability to bid before bonding, necessity of some projects. Vote: 4:0:3 (Bateson, Becker, Braun abstaining)
9. Adoption of Elections Emergency Plan. *(Referred to All Standing Committees)*
 Motion to approve: Braun; Seconded Becker. Discussion: info needed- State statutes; role of Dept. of Pub Safety, who makes decisions. Vote: 0:0:7 (all members abstained).
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 Motion to approve: Garskof; Seconded Stamler. Discussion: adequacy of information provided; comparing pension versus 401a versus hybrid retirement plans, public safety retirement plans versus other unions, health insurance plans, negotiation and arbitration Vote: 4:0:3 (Bateson, Becker, Braun abstaining).

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 pm.

***Town of Fairfield RTM
 Minutes of Public Health and Safety Committee
 Wednesday February 20th, 2013***

Chairman: Rep. Michael Herley (R-1)
 Vice Chairman: Rep. Ruth Smey (D-5)
 Secretary: Rep. Bill Domeika (R-9)

The joint meeting of the Ed/Rec and Health and Public Safety Committees was called to order by the Chairman Michael Herley (R-1) at 7:42pm EDT.

o Roll Call

HPS

Present: Rep. Jay Wolk (D-6), Rep. Jennifer Hochberg (D-7), Rep. Michael Herley (R-1), Rep. Gaylord Meyer (R-1), Rep. Carol Pontrelli (R-9), Rep. Bill Domeika (R-9), Rep. Ruth Smey (D-5) and Rep. Matthew Ambrose (D-5).

Absent: Rep. Joe Felner (R-9).

Guests/Speakers

Attorney McHale
 Mary Carol Mirylees
 Town Attorney Stanton Lesser
 Joe Michaelangelo

Kristin Tierney

o Meeting Business

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Messrs. Bader and Dunn and Ms. Cardona showed up tonight and told us a little bit about themselves and why they would like to serve.

[IN FAVOR: Rep. Jennifer Hochberg (D-7), Rep. Jay Wolk (D-6), Rep. Carol Pontrelli (R-9), Rep. Gaylord Meyer (R-1), Rep. Bill Domeika (R-9), Rep. Ruth Smey (D-5), Rep. Matthew Ambrose (D-5). ABSTENTIONS: Rep. Michael Herley (R-1)]

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Mark Barnhardt came to discuss this item with us. He said that they are not looking at certain areas for low income housing at this point but will be.

Rep. Smey asked, if in the 2.5% rent was included. She pointed out that Knapps Village has a lot of section 8.

[IN FAVOR: Rep. Jennifer Hochberg (D-7), Rep. Michael Herley (R-1), and Rep. Bill Domeika (R-9). AGAINSTS: Rep. Carol Pontrelli (R-9), Rep. Ruth Smey (D-5), Rep. Jay Wolk (D-5) and Gaylord Meyer (D-6). ABSTENTIONS: Rep. Matthew Ambrose (D-6)]

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Stanton Lesser came in and explained the lease briefly.

[IN FAVOR: Rep. Jennifer Hochberg (D-7), Rep. Michael Herley (R-1), Rep. Jay Wolk (D-6), Rep. Carol Pontrelli (R-9), Rep. Gaylord Meyer (R-1), Rep. Bill Domeika (R-9), Rep. Ruth Smey (D-5) and Rep. Matthew Ambrose (D-5).]

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The Fairfield Woods Library was the first item up of this “package.” There were a few concerns from Rep. Lipp and Rep. Meyer regarding the mold and air quality. This led to the question of whether the building needs more work than just the roof. The answer to this was no, the roof is the only concern that needs to be fixed.

[IN FAVOR: Rep. Jennifer Hochberg (D-7), Rep. Michael Herley (R-1), Rep. Jay Wolk (D-6), Rep. Bill Domeika (R-9), Rep. Ruth Smey (D-5) and Rep. Matthew Ambrose (D-5). AGAINSTS: Rep. Gaylord Meyer (R-1), and Rep. Carol Pontrelli (R-9).

9. Adoption of Elections Emergency Plan.

This is all meant to help the Election process.

Rep. Herley brought light to some of the problems that have previously occurred at the District One polling location at the Senior Center, particularly in the am. The Registrars acknowledged the issue and stated they are working to improve things going forward.

[IN FAVOR: Rep. Jennifer Hochberg (D-7), Rep. Michael Herley (R-1), Rep. Jay Wolk (D-6), Rep. Carol Pontrelli (R-9), Rep. Gaylord Meyer (R-1), Rep. Bill Domeika (R-9), Rep. Ruth Smey (D-5) and Rep. Matthew Ambrose (D-5).]

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Attorney McHale enthusiastically supports the contract on the table. The fact there is a settlement is very important. There were concessions made.

[IN FAVOR: Rep. Jennifer Hochberg (D-7), Rep. Michael Herley (R-1), Rep. Jay Wolk (D-6), Rep. Carol Pontrelli (R-9), Rep. Gaylord Meyer (R-1), Rep. Bill Domeika (R-9), Rep. Ruth Smey (D-5) and Rep. Matthew Ambrose (D-5).]

o Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn by Rep. Ruth Smey (D-5) at 10:47pm EST, it was seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Rep. Bill Domeika (R-9), Secretary for the Public Health and Safety Committee, on March 13, 2013.

JOINT RTM STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
Meeting Date: Tuesday, 3-12-13 at Sherman School
L&A, PWP, Finance Committees

Representative Ed Bateson opened the meeting at 7:40 pm. The agenda was not followed in order to allow both Mr. McHale's and Mr. Lesser's items to be addressed first.

Item # 10 - C.O.P.S. Contract

Mr. Tetreau began by thanking the Police Union for recognizing the current fiscal situation during negotiations.

Mr. McHale urged the acceptance of the contract as there were many negotiations with the previous administration and the current administration. The proposed contract will expire on June 30th of this year and negotiations will begin for a new contract shortly.

Wage Increases:

According to Mr. McHale, in year one, the union agreed to take the 1.5% wage increase off the table for 2010. Year two will have a 2% increase retroactive. Year three wage increase was reduced from 3% to 2.75% retroactively. This year increase going forward will be 0.75%. The increases will not be compounded for these years.

Medical Insurance Cost Sharing:

Cost sharing will be changed from a flat fee of \$31/week for single, married or family coverage, to an 11% blended rate per person. New hires will make a 13% contribution of the blended rate towards their medical insurance per person.

Post Employment Medical:

Current employees will keep the plan they have when they leave at 1.5% of their salary. New hires will cover a portion of the premium costs at the same rate they contributed when they were active employees.

Definition of Dependent:

This allows only for *dependents at the time of retirement*

Sick Leave Benefit Reduction:

Sick leave for 10+ year employees will allow 20 days down from 28
Earlier than 10 year employees will have a modest reduction in sick days.
Ten unused days may be carried over (up from 5)
There is no cash out on unused sick days upon retirement.

Pension Plan:

New hires will be entitled to 70% of their maximum base pay and longevity, down from 80%. Maximum COLA is reduced from 3% to 2%
Representative Hoffkins asked what other health plans proposed might be.

A: (McHale) It could be a high deductible comprehensive (PPO) plan, a modest deductible and copay plan and might include wellness incentives that would be a cost savings if employees chose to participate. This will be discussed in the upcoming negotiation for the next contract. It can only be proposed in the next contract, going forward.

Representative Palmer asked about a 401a plan vs. a defined benefit plan.

A: Since the town does not pay Social Security for public safety employees, the cost of a 401a benefit plan would be more expensive. In addition, the defined benefit plan has higher retention. No other public safety employees in Fairfield County have other than a defined benefit plan.

Rep. Braun asked if the RTM turned the contract down, what would the likely outcome of arbitration be?

A: Arbitration would likely go with all the elements of the negotiated agreement as has happened three times this year in other towns.

Rep. Braun asked if someone from the RTM be able to sit on the negotiating panel.

A: Mr. Tetreau stated that the Charter does not specify this. He has talked to the leadership for a subcommittee to give input.

Rep. Bateson asked if section 9 of the agreement had recently been cleaned up, or if it was still an open item.

A: (McHale) No, it has been settled.

Rep. Bateson also asked if the decision on the retirement plan will weaken the town position with non-public safety employee units?

A: No. All other units contribute to Social Security. This is not a comparable area. Arbitrators are aware that public safety does not contribute to Social Security. This would be taken into account if other units go to arbitration and the question of different plans for other town employees comes up.

Rep. Bateson asked Mary Carol-Mirylees to provide a breakdown of the 9.7% of the combination of base pay and longevity which she agree do. Rep. Stamler asked if she would include the calculation and was answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Tetreau added that funds for retroactive pay have been budgeted.

Item #7 Lease agreement modification to antennae facilities

Mr. Lesser stated that this lease has been renewable every five years since 1998. The town will be receiving \$54.6K per year for this lease.

Rep. Ambrose asked for a copy of the full lease and Mr. Lesser responded yes, he would forward it.

Rep. Dean asked if the property had been taken care of. Mr. Lesser answered yes.

Rep. Brogan asked if it required a modification through zoning? A: no, the physical appearance will be the same, there are changes to the technology.

Item # 4 Osborn Hill Building Committee

Sal Morabido (Dir. of Construction, Security and Safety) was asked why the committee was referred to as the Window Replacement Committee when the plan called for other work. A: The wording of the charge has changed.

Rep. Bateson asked why not use the Sherman School Committee.

A: committee members burn out or drop out during the long process. Few want to do more than one project.

Mr. Morabido answered in the affirmative to a question from Rep. Mezoff if it was the current regulation that a building committee could be as few as one person.

Mr. Tetreau followed up by stating that in the past as many as 11 people were on committees. It is his sense that 5-7 members is the preferred number to allow for a mix of backgrounds and expertise and to be sure each meeting has a quorum.

Item #5 Osborn Hill Building Committee Appointments (Proposed)

Proposed Appointees:

- Bret Bader, stated he would like to help the town
- Susan Cardona has lived in Fairfield since 1995 and has a degree in industrial engineering
- William Dunn has a third grader at OHS
- Kimberly Marshall works in the construction industry and was on the FMS building committee
- Steven White was recommended by Rep. Dean. He has 27 years experience in the construction industry

Rep. Bateson asked if it was allowable for someone to be on two committees?

Mr. Tetreau responded that temporary committees were allowed to do this under the regulations.

Item #6 Affordable Housing Plan update

Director of Community and Economic Development, Mark Barnhart introduced Steve Grathwhol, Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee

Mr. Barnhart stated that the plan had not been updated in 25 years. He is seeking a \$20K grant for pre-development using local resources for input and information. The plan development can be done with or without the grant.

The goal is to look at existing conditions that are reflective of community priorities and integrate them into a plan including such things as styles of construction, and what tools and resources we have. In response to Rep. Mitola, the \$20K is for consultants for planning and meeting facilitation.

Item #8 Review of Bonding postponed from the February RTM meeting.

Joe Michelangelo, Bill Hurley (Town Engineer) Ed Boman (Asst. Dir. Pub. Works.) Kristen Tierney, Chair of the Library Board of Trustees.

Re: Library roof

In response to Rep. Abercrombie’s question, Mr. Michelangelo stated it would be a complete replacement of the roof. The new roof will (though a ‘flat roof’) will have twice the pitch as the old roof for drainage. It can have a rating as high as 30 years. Mr. Michelangelo provided a two page document before the meeting with construction estimates.

Ms. Tierney stated that the TFC met and there may be more requests going forward. A long range plan was completed in 2008 and a feasibility study was done in 2010.

Mr. Michelangelo stated that there was a study done by an environmental engineer and there were no issues of mold.

Re: Police Station HVAC system

Chief MacNamara and Dept. Chief Chris Lyddy discussed the ongoing serious problem with the current system’s inefficiencies and inadequacies.

Mr. Bowman stated there would be an interest free loan from UI and the balance would come back in savings so there would be no net cost to the town. He said the entire system would be reviewed including going into the walls to see why the existing system is not working properly. Engineering will look at the whole picture; including internal duct work and controls. He also said it is in UI’s best interest for the system to work so they will make a big contribution. The building is a complicated 38,000 sq. ft. building that requires proper design.

(Representative Braun will continue the minutes of the meeting from this point.)

Respectfully Submitted

3-14-13

Amy Mezoff

RTM District 4

(Minutes continued by Rep. Braun below)

Item #8 Review of Bonding postponed from the February RTM meeting (Cont'd)

Fire Dept HVAC (\$140,000)- a gentleman from Fire Dept spoke about the equipment and existing system being very old, and the building was built in 1954; there are 2 floors, air handler is on 2nd floor; it's a smaller building than the police dept building; there is no ventilation because the original metal double hung windows don't open. Rep. Bateson asked about the building floor plan and where the A/C was located in relation thereto.

Town Hall Generator \$105,000- First Selectman Tetreau and Roger Autori spoke about the need to keep Town hall open, with staff available to perform essential functions such as receiving tax payments. Example State mandate must charge interest for late payments which wouldn't be taxpayers fault if reason is no Town Hall power; also registering voters and preparing for imminent elections can't be done without power. Proposed system would be seamless- all Town functions would continue. RTM representatives inquired details when power goes out in Old Town Hall. Answer was that Power may go out even though power has not gone out in the rest of the Town- it doesn't have to be a hurricane. With Hurricane Sandy Sullivan Hall had generator and Probate Court allowed old Town Hall staff to use its PC's. Also the Governor extended tax payment deadline by 2 weeks, but this won't happen necessarily if just the Old Town Hall power goes down.

Duck Farm Bridge Design (\$300,000)- Joe Michelangelo spoke and answered questions. There are 50 bridges in Town; our program is to tackle 1/year for design and 1/year for construction. Under Federal bridge program, Duck Farm is eligible for 80% design and construction reimbursement. It is time consuming – can be 6 years from application to completion (7 mos to apply and get award, design is 2-3 years, construction 14-30 mos). Also, there would have been 25% cost covered under a State Grant program but in 2009 State Legislature put that program on hold, and the Governor is trying to reestablish the program. The Duck Farm Bridge capacity has decreased resulting from biannual State inspections- its only 30 tons now (60,000 lbs).

Rep Braun questioned re: high seeming cost to design a bridge. Rep Jacobs questioned the likelihood of getting 80% back based on history of other bridge projects. Rep. Stamler inquired about whether the compromised capacity caused problems with plowing during recent blizzard and answer was no, the Town was able to work around and all roads were plowed.

Item #9 Elections Emergency Plan

Roger Autori and Matt Wagner both spoke – this is required by State law; there is a State Master Plan for election emergency planning; a draft has been prepared by our Registrars of Voters which was presented and reviewed; discussion of what happens when there is a lack of ballots, lack of personnel, movement of personnel during an emergency. Reps had questions over who should decide whether an emergency exists and whether an evacuation is required- ECC (911 operators) or the Dept of Public Safety or some combination of them and the Registrar or poll workers and what the State master plan or model regulation looks like.

Joint Committee session adjourned at approximately 10:45 pm and individual Standing Committees broke out into individual sessions

Respectfully Submitted,
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