Minutes of the Public Health and Safety Committee Special Joint Meeting with RTM Planning, Zoning & Housing October 17, 2017

Members in attendance: Mac Patrick, Laura Mosher, Gary Swenson, Susannah Lewis, Susanne Handler, Mia Handler, Colin Kelly, Lois Schneider, Holly Giordano, M. Carolina McGoey.

Members absent: Brian Rayhill, Nina Miller, Bill Peters, Kate Haueisen.

At 7:33, PH&S Chair Mac Patrick called the meeting to order. Mac motioned for approval of the minutes from the June 12, 2017 meeting and the June 21, 2017 Special Meeting (Darien Police Department Rescue Boat Tour). The vote was unanimous.

We discussed the proposed tax exemption for Veterans. This revision to our tax code would allow for tax exemptions for veterans, disabled veterans and, in certain cases, surviving spouses of veterans. The PH&S Committee members in attendance voted all in favor of this resolution.

The next item on the agenda discussed was Route 1 corridor safety improvements. Some of the suggestions made during our discussion were:

*Reduced speed limits around Hindley School
*Timed crossing signals
* Crosswalk at the library
We agreed to discuss this again at a future meeting. This portion of the meeting adjourned at 8:00.

PZ&H Committee and Jeremy Ginsberg, Director Planning and Zoning joined PH&S Committee to discuss the Planning and Zoning Commission adopted resolution to opt-out of Public Act

17-155 concerning temporary Health care structures. These housing units are defined by the Act as a transportable residential structure, not larger than 500 gross square feet. This type of structure would be installed in the backyard of a single-family home where the homeowner is the unpaid caregiver for a mentally or physically impaired person. Said impaired person would reside in the Health Care Structure. After much discussion, The Public Health and Safety Committee of the RTM all voted in favor of opting out of Public Act 17-155.

Mac Patrick adjourned the meeting at 8:37.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Mosher