

Call to Order

Chair Currey called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adoption of Minutes from May 21, 2008 Special Meeting

Mr. Colman made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2008 special meeting. Ms. Therrien seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Reports

Chair & Executive Director

The Executive Director and Chair gave their reports. Handouts were at each seat. Mr. Wray mentioned that tonight at 9:00 p.m., CPTV will telecast a new original documentary focusing on education and CT's future.

Capital Workforce Partners

Tom Phillips spoke to the Board about HB 5577 regarding the \$140 million sub prime mortgage crisis training team to provide training through the five workforce boards to increase job skills.

Community Development Committee/Municipal Services/Purchasing Council

Municipal Services will be focusing on energy savings for towns and the service sharing grants.

Public Safety Council/Homeland Security

Lee Erdmann spoke about the Public Safety Academy planned to open this September for 150 kids in grades 6, 7, and 9 in an incubator site that was a former elementary school in Enfield.

CRCOG Homeland Security Grant Initiative

- FY 2005. We have until the end of August to spend/obligate these funds and this is the current priority for CRCOG staff. We recently completed the Citizen Corps project and the majority of the HEARTBEAT project and spent down additional funds in the training, emergency operations center enhancement and CAPTAIN fire projects. Please submit your training reimbursements as soon as possible as your first responders complete sessions.
- FY 2007. We will begin putting a spending plan together shortly which we will bring to the Policy Board in September.
- Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant. We expect to hear on a CRCOG award in August.

Transportation Committee

The Highway Trust Fund for '09 has a shortfall. The aviation bill failed. We have to get new reauthorization this year. We must keep pressure on our senators to keep transportation a priority.

Financial Report

The quarterly financial report as of May 31, 2008 was at each seat. There were no questions asked.

Discussion: David Fink – Update on HOMECT Program

Mr. Fink passed out information on the HOMECT program. His ideas were to let the state do the planning through grants, base Connecticut on Massachusetts's model and put the homes near rail and in mill towns.

League of American Bicyclist's Yearbook of Bicycle Friendly Communities

Sandy Fry introduced Ann Hayes. The yearbooks were passed out to the Board members. The yearbook highlighted the communities in the United States that are bicycle friendly. Hopefully more will join each year.

TIP Amendments

- State DOT – Design & document management system
- Statewide – Replace time clocks in traffic signal controllers
- Statewide – 511 traveler information system
- Statewide – Feed traffic camera video to emergency providers

Mr. Colman made a motion to approve the above TIP amendments. Mr. Cassano seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Approval for the Transportation Commission to Approve the TIP Amendments in July (if needed)

Mr. Colman made a motion to allow the Transportation Commission to approve the TIP amendments in July if needed. Ms. Therrien seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Consent Agenda

- a. Authorizing Resolution to Execute Supplemental Agreement with Cambridge Systematics for Travel Model Improvements.
- b. Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with the City of Hartford for the I-84 Viaduct Study
- c. Adoption of Capitol Region Pre-Disaster Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan
- d. Resolution Authorizing Contract with Locution Systems for a Fire Station Alerting Application
- e. Resolution Authorizing Amendment of Contract with SMART Systems, Inc.

Ms. Therrien made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. Mr. Colman seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Discussion and Approval of New Lease Agreement

There was a quick discussion that CCM may want to combine services with CRCOG to save money. Mr. Colman made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing an agreement for a five-year lease with STS Corporation at 241 Main Street and a resolution authorizing an agreement to expend one-time funds for office space improvements not to exceed \$25,200. Ms. Therrien seconded. DISCUSSION: The Board said thank you because they felt this was the most cost effective plan. There was a question as to how much money is left in the fund balance. The answer was \$61,000. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Cassano made a motion to add Lobby Contractor to the agenda. Mr. Adams seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Lobby Contractor

Mr. Cassano made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing execution of a consulting agreement with Rome Smith Associates for Legislative Consulting Services. Mr. Adams seconded. DISCUSSION: There is a new law that Connecticut State Ethics Registration fees must be added to the contract. All voted in favor of the motion.

Solid Waste Management Discussion

A meeting has been held with the DEP Commissioner, but not yet with the Governor. We will need to speak with the Governor if CRCOG is going to get this done on time because the State won't be able to. Mr. Colman made a motion to authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$50,000 from the fund balance for an RFP for consulting services to prepare a review of regional solid waste management options covering the next 20 years. Ms. Therrien seconded. DISCUSSION: Does CRRA know about this? Nothing precludes CRRA, in fact, they may be part of the solution. We hope to have results ready for our September 24th Policy Board meeting to discuss. The state has not done anything. It is very important that Policy Board members speak with their representatives about our plan. The Energy and Environment Committee had a lot of information. CRRA needs to be part of it too. The Board discussed whether to include all 70 towns and cities or just have CRCOG involved. There is a settlement coming, so possibly the towns could put a part of their money aside to help pay for this. A letter will go to all the towns, once a plan is in place. All voted in favor of the motion.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Executive Director's Performance Evaluation

The Board went into Executive Session at 12:35 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 12:43 p.m.

Mr. Adams made a motion to give the Executive Director a \$5,000 raise. Ms. Karp seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Legislative Update

Ms. Lutz said thank you for renewing their contract. A member brought up the GASB retiree topic and how different towns are handling it, and it was decided this would be a great topic for the municipal services committee to discuss.

Adjournment

Mr. Erdmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m. Ms. Therrien seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.