

ROUTE 6 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: 9:10 am by Joyce Stille

PLACE: Columbia Town Hall Meeting Room

ROLL CALL: Don Cianci (Columbia 1st Selectman); Joyce Stille (Administrative Officer - Town of Bolton); Eric M. Trott (Planner – Town of Coventry); John Pagini (Town Planner – Town of Bolton); Chick Shifrin (Columbia Business Owner); Jonathan Luiz (Town Administrator – Town of Columbia); Mark Waterhouse (Garnet Consulting Services, Inc.); Michael Galante (FP Clark Assoc.); Terri-Ann Hahn (LADA, Land Planners); Jennifer Carrier (CRCOG); Lia Huang(CRCOG); Chris Korbel (LADA Land Planners)

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS: No Comment.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Cianci and seconded by Pagini to adopt the minutes of June 15, 2009 with the correction to Jonathan Luiz's title not being 'interim'. Shifrin abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cianci and seconded by Pagine to adopt the minutes of June 29, 2009 with the correction to the year for the next meeting should be '2009'. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF CRCOG TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Lia Huang and Jennifer Carrier of CRCOG were present to discuss the study. A draft has been forwarded to DOT. An RFQ will be released for consultants in August or September. The project will focus primarily on transportation related issues and avoid overlap with the corridor study. CRCOG asked the Council to review the draft and provide comments by the end of July. A question was raised about including RTE 66 to the Windham Town line.

DISCUSSION ON STEAP GRANT WITH CONSULTANT

The Council reviewed a variety of images of the corridor to collect thoughts on various nodes along Route 6. The goals for the corridor were discussed at length and a number of positive images were selected as favorable.

A theme for a project website will need to be agreed upon. Terri will provide examples for the Council's review.

A question was raised in regard to how far 'off corridor' should we examine for target economic development parcels for the study. This will be carefully examined as we progress with the project.

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The Council reviewed the project status matrix to determine where the project stands and the next steps to be taken.

NEXT MEETING DATE/AGENDA: The next meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2009 at 9:00am in the Columbia Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric M. Trott

Secretary