

ROUTE 6 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 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); Jonathan Luiz (Town Administrator – Town of Columbia); Mark Waterhouse (Garnet Consulting Services, Inc.); Michael Galante (FP Clark Assoc.); Terri-Ann Hahn (LADA, Land Planners); Lia Huang(CRCOG); Chris Korbel (LADA Land Planners); Geoff Jakobson(Nathan Jacobson Assoc.)

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS: No Comment.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Continued to next meeting

DISCUSSION ON STEAP GRANT WITH CONSULTANT

The Council evaluated a number of images that would serve to reflect the corridor and its resources. The goal is to have a representative image that would help to market the corridor. 'Hop River Corridor', 'Along RTE 6 Corridor', 'Live Work Shop Play...' were examples of images. A question was raised as to whether the image should appear on the website. An image with a Village cluster and river has value to show economic development potential in a bucolic setting.

'Rochembeau's Route' concept was also discussed.

A domain name of route6corridor.com was discussed as well. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to add a reference to Connecticut with the domain name.

The consultants will be meeting with the Town Economic Development Commissions in August and the Council will reconvene in September to discuss the findings.

The issue of available utilities was discussed with the consultants. It was determined that public water and sewer does not exist in the corridor. It is the Council's understanding that utilities exist at the Windham town line.

The issue of contaminated sites was also discussed. The Council only recalled one accident involving a truck carrying a hazardous material in Bolton.

The issue of fire suppression was discussed. The Council commented that there are various dry hydrants in the area in the individual towns.

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It is the Council's preference to utilize a LID approach for stormwater treatment.

Overhead utilities are prominent in the corridor. Underground utilities would be the preference in the Village type setting.

No connections for natural gas exist in the corridor.

It was acknowledged that there is some lack of cellular phone service in the corridor.

Charter would serve the corridor for DSL and cable.

No issues pertaining to electrical service was discussed.

The Council reviewed the project goals drafted by the consultant. These are to be discussed with the individual Town Boards and the matter will be re-evaluated in September.

NEXT MEETING DATE/AGENDA: The next meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2009 at 9:00am in the Columbia Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric M. Trott

Secretary