

ROUTE 6 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 am by Joyce Stille

PLACE: Columbia Town Hall Meeting Room

ROLL CALL: Don Cianci (Columbia 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman); Joyce Stille (Administrative Officer - Town of Bolton); Eric M. Trott (Planner – Town of Coventry); Mark Waterhouse (Garnet Consulting Services, Inc.); Terri-Ann Hahn (LADA, Land Planners); Chris Korbel (LADA Land Planners); Cathy Teller(EDC – Town of Bolton); Leigh Ann Hutchinson (PZC – Town of Andover); Robert Burbank (Selectman – Town of Andover); Elaine Burchardt (EDC – Town of Andover); Carol Polsky (EDC – Town of Coventry); Jana Butts (WINCOG); Neil McKeever (EDC – Town of Andover); Jennifer Carrier (CRCOG)

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS: No Comment.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

July 13, 2009 - A motion was made by Cianci and seconded by Stille to adopt the minutes of July 13, 2009 with the correction on page 1, second paragraph, change John's name to Pagini. The motion was passed unanimously.

July 27, 2009 – A motion was made by Cianci and seconded by Hutchinson to adopt the minutes of July 27, 2009 as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

August 10, 2009 – A motion was made by Cianci and seconded by Stille to adopt the minutes of August 10, 2009 as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON STEAP GRANT WITH CONSULTANT

The consultants met with the Towns of Coventry, Bolton and Columbia to discuss the project. The meeting with the Town of Andover will occur in the next couple of weeks. The results of those meetings will be discussed with the Council at the next meeting.

The council discussed the project goals that were provided by the consultant. In short, the goals are: re-vision the future of the corridor by consensus building; create master plan of corridor with target growth areas; preserve historic, scenic, environmental resources of corridor; balance investment and costs; identify kick off projects as foundation for future. The council agreed to the goals as guiding principle of the project. Specific objectives and recommendations are to follow as the project proceeds.

It was agreed that the decision on the logo for the project be delayed until Andover provides input.

The council deliberated on the name of the project and agreed upon 'Route 6 – Hop River Corridor'.

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The council discussed the various options for the project website and viewed a potential version that was prepared by the consultant. It was agreed that the following elements should be added: a description of the project history, link to the individual town page, map of project area, actual town images, contact names and numbers, logo.

The council discussed the contact list and other information that has been requested by Garnet Consulting. A list of individuals that should be contacted is necessary as well as the variety of background information that has been outlined in the handout to the council.

Traffic counters will be situated at the following target locations: RTE 6/44, 384/44, RTE 6/South Street, RTE 6/Long Hill Road, RTE 6/316, RTE 6/66. Morning, afternoon and Saturday counts are to occur.

The consultant reviewed the project status report with the council. The 3 phases were considered and the timing of each was discussed. The project schedule was also agreed upon. Option 1 was determined to be the most viable. The first or second week of December was agreed upon for the open house meetings with the communities. Andover and Bolton were agreed upon for the locations of the meetings. Evening meetings are preferred to get the biggest audience. Snow dates should be considered as well.

#### CRCOG TRANSPORTATION STUDY:

Jennifer Carrier from CRCOG met with the council to review the transportation study that is to be conducted of the corridor. The consultant selection process has begun and 12 consultants have submitted bids.

It was agreed that Don, Bob, Joyce, Jana and Eric will be on the review committee and provide input on who should be on the short list for interviews.

The deadline of October 13<sup>th</sup> was chosen to have the consultant recommendations provided. Four consultants will be chosen to interview later in October, possibly the 27<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>.

The rating sheets were reviewed and electronic copies will be emailed to the council.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric M. Trott

Secretary