

ROUTE 6 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 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); Terri-Ann Hahn (LADA, Land Planners); Leigh Ann Hutchinson (PZC – Town of Andover); Carol Polsky (EDC – Town of Coventry); Jennifer Carrier (CRCOG); John Pagini (Town Planner – Town of Bolton)

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS: No Comment.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

September 23, 2009 - A motion was made by Cianci and seconded by Stille to adopt the minutes of September 23, 2009 with the following corrections: October 5, 2009 is the next meeting not September 23, 2009 as noted on page 2, 5 phases of the project were discussed not 2 as noted on page 2. The motion was passed unanimously.

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.

The deadline of October 13th was chosen to have the consultant recommendations provided. Four consultants will be chosen to interview on October 27th. A meeting may be necessary on October 16th if there are outstanding questions on the short list of consultants.

DISCUSSION ON STEAP GRANT WITH CONSULTANT

The Consultant reported that they met with the Town of Andover and the results of that meeting are being assimilated into the ones gained from meetings with other Towns. Final comments will be provided to the Council at the next meeting.

The 5 project goals were reviewed by the Council. A motion was made by Cianci and seconded by Pagini to accept the goals as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

A lengthy discussion occurred regarding the choice on the project logo. Different thoughts were reviewed including options to 'hybridize' two images. The logo should bear the project name and be representative of the goals of the corridor and provide a positive image. The logo would be used for the

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website, drawings, reports, and signage. It was agreed that the image with the historic structure shadows be chosen with possible revisions to color.

It was agreed to have the following website address 'rte6hoprivercorridor.com'. The website should have a copy of the memo of understanding between the Towns. The website should be active by October 15.

The phase 1 report was reviewed, which indicated that the work was complete and that phases 2 and 3 are active as well.

Traffic counters will be placed at Shoddy Mill Road and Hebron Road on Rte 6 instead of Long Hill Road, based upon Andover input. This was agreed upon by the Council.

Phase 2 of the project will involve map compilation, which is ongoing and plans for the December public workshops.

Individual Town contacts for interviews and background information is being submitted and reviewed by the Consultant.

The project schedule was generally accepted by the Council and it is consistent with the goals of the proposal. The workshops timing were discussed. Bolton and Andover were chosen as sites to hold the workshop. The week of the 7th for Bolton and the week of the 14th for Andover were agreed upon. The same workshop will be held at both locations.

HOP RIVER TRAIL STATUS

The Council discussed the status of the completion of the Trail and bridge. It was agreed that the Council could be the catalyst to help move the issue of the bridge installation since all 4 Towns are working together. CRCOG could offer assistance as well. It would be helpful to know of the legal status of the matter between DOT and the contractor.

NEXT MEETING DATE/AGENDA: The next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2009 at 9:00am in the Columbia Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric M. Trott

Secretary

