

ROUTE 6 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 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); Elaine Burchardt (Selectman/EDC – Town of Andover); Robert Burbank (Selectman – Town of Andover); Jonathan Luiz (Town Administrator – Town of Columbia); Steven Cipolla (F.P. Clark Associates); Michael Galante (F.P. Clark Associates); Mark Waterhouse (Garnet Consulting); Chris Korbel (LADA, Land Planners)

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS: No Comment.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

October 5, 2009 - A motion was made by Cianci and seconded by Luiz to adopt the minutes of October 5, 2009 with the following corrections: Add Jonathan Luiz to the members present. The motion was passed unanimously.

HOP RIVER TRAIL STATUS

Stille shared WINCOG data on trail usership during August and September of 2009. Burbank discussed the status of the bridge issue and the matter is moving forward with Echo Bridge proceeding with DOT requests.

CRCOG TRANSPORTATION STUDY:

Five interviews of consultants were conducted at CRCOG on October 27th and a final candidate was selected. Carrier discussed the next steps in the selection process. A copy of the Route 305 Transportation Study in Windsor was distributed to provide an idea of what is included in a study similar to the one that will be prepared for RTE 6.

DISCUSSION ON STEAP GRANT WITH CONSULTANT

The Phase 1 report was distributed to the Council. A motion was made by Cianci and seconded by Burbank to accept the Phase 1 report prepared by the Council as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The light sky/streetscape logo was selected as the project logo.

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Sample maps were reviewed, including a topographic plan and other focus area maps. A significant view map was discussed which can provide for future regulations to preserve such views.

The public workshop in Bolton has been scheduled for December 8th. The Andover date is being tentatively scheduled for the following week.

A link to the project website from the Town websites will be provided.

Waterhouse discussed the status of his work on the project. Interviews with key individuals in the corridor will be happening shortly and a list of questions is being prepared. The new statute regarding revenue sharing with regional economic development projects was discussed as a potential opportunity in the corridor.

Galante discussed the status of his work on the project. Various maps were distributed and reviewed. An inventory of existing conditions is being conducted in addition to turning movement counts. It was noted that based upon the initial analysis, the traffic is noted as 'passing through'. The accident history was also reviewed with reasons for such accidents and the types that have historically occurred. Traffic count numbers are being collected and evaluated. Virtually no pedestrian traffic occurs along the corridor. The Hendee Road intersection was noted as a good first subject for the CRCOG consultant due to its history.

NEXT MEETING DATE/AGENDA: The next meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2009 at 9:00am in the Columbia Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric M. Trott

Secretary