

ROUTE 6 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 am by Joyce Stille

PLACE: Columbia Town Hall Meeting Room

ROLL CALL: 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; Carmen Vance (Selectman– Town of Columbia); Lia Huang (CRCOG); Mark Waterhouse (Garnet Consulting Services, Inc); Don Cianci (Columbia – delegate); Robert Burbank (Selectman – Andover); Chris Korbel (LADA, Land Planners); Jana Butts (Columbia – Planner); Joan Hill (Columbia – Conservation Commission)

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS: No Comment.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Trott and seconded by Hutchinson to adopt the minutes of the November 30, 2009 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

CRCOG TRANSPORTATION STUDY:

Lia Huang from CRCOG reported that they are finalizing the contract with their consultant.

DISCUSSION ON STEAP GRANT WITH CONSULTANT

Letters that have been received from members of the public subsequent to the workshops were distributed and reviewed by the Council.

Joyce reminded the Council that election of officers should occur by the March meeting.

The summary report from the public workshops was distributed and reviewed by the Council. In total, there were approximately 50 people who attended both workshops.

Terri reviewed the various elements of the report based upon the input provided by the public, for example: who uses RTE 6, how it is viewed, what are its assets/problems, what uses are desired for the corridor.

The image/type of development preferences were reviewed as well. The village streetscape and historic houses designs were preferred. The houses and multistory tower office was not preferred. It was clearly agreed that planning efforts are critical.

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The perception of the traffic generation issue should be clarified as the project progresses. Future and ongoing work with the Town Planning and Zoning Commissions will be critical to the success of certain recommendations that relate to design guidelines and use regulations.

A number of maps were reviewed, including the following: existing corridor character, residential uses on RTE 6. These maps will be important to reflect on as work progresses, particularly in apply smart growth measures. Key site analysis concept plans will assist in visualizing the potential in the corridor.

It was agreed that aquifer protection areas (DEP) should be identified on the map.

The Council also reviewed the prospective schedule to when the final product will be available in April.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Bob Burbank reported that the rails to trails bridge issue is still progressing and moving towards resolution. Bob also spoke on a State property purchase issue next to the Andover Town Hall.

Details regarding the recent Hartford Metro Alliance meeting were discussed. A number of the Council members were present to provide input. The revenue sharing legislation was discussed at length.

**NEXT MEETING DATE/AGENDA:** The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2010 at 9:00am in the Columbia Town Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric M. Trott

Secretary