

ROUTE 6 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 am by Joyce Stille

PLACE: Columbia Town Hall Meeting Room

ROLL CALL: Eric M. Trott (Planner – Town of Coventry); Terri-Ann Hahn (LADA, Land Planners); Carol Polsky (EDC – Town of Coventry); Lia Huang (CRCOG); Mark Waterhouse (Garnet Consulting Services, Inc); Chris Korbel (LADA, Land Planners); John Pagini (Planner – Town of Bolton); Joyce Stille (Town Administrator – Bolton); Carmen Vance (Selectman – Town of Columbia); Vera Englert (EDC – Town of Columbia); Neil McKeon (EDC – Town of Columbia); Jana Butts – (Planner – Town of Columbia); Dion Payton(?) (Town of Columbia)

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS: No Comment.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

The March 1, 2010 minutes were not available for adoption.

CRCOG TRANSPORTATION STUDY:

Lia Huang from CRCOG reported that they are negotiating fees with the consultant and they should be on board soon.

DISCUSSION ON STEAP GRANT WITH CONSULTANT:

The Council agreed that the Economic Development Action Agenda was acceptable so far. Some minor updates are to occur.

The Council reviewed the corridor recommendations. The Bolton node at RTE 6/44 was discussed at length. There is a potential of a RTE 6 and 44 connection via Howard Road that can be explored. The driveway for the Bolton Ice Palace should be aligned with the Munson's drive. A 'village' type development is suggested at this node. Business park pads are being suggested along the new access road. Sidewalks can be extended to connect with the Hop River Trail. A median and light poles are suggested to act as traffic calming. Replacement of the existing guiderail with a steel backed wood style can be considered. Underground utilities are recommended.

It was agreed that a site visit of the corridor would be helpful to view the areas being evaluated. In addition, more detail on the sketch plans would be helpful too.

The Council discussed the issue of economic feasibility and how to facilitate the actual projects. It may be a challenge due to State, Federal, Regional and private issues. State representatives can be involved to assist.

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It will be necessary to visit the Coventry site and evaluate access more carefully. Potential uses include active adult community or other institutional uses.

Public meetings can be considered for late April or early May after the conclusions of the recommendations.

March 29th will be the site visit of the corridor from 8:00 to noon. A defined schedule will be provided.

April 12, 19, 26 are the next dates for meetings.

It was agreed that the key sites include: Bolton Node – RTE 6/44; RTE 6/66 Gateway; Andover Plaza – façade; Coventry – Holistic Center property; Historic Andover Center.

NEXT MEETING DATE/AGENDA: The next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2010 at 9:00am in the Columbia Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:35am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric M. Trott

Secretary