

ROUTE 6 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 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); Lia Huang (CRCOG); Chris Korbel (LADA, Land Planners; Vera Englert (EDC – Town of Columbia); Carmen Vance (Selectman – Town of Columbia); John Pagini (Planner – Town of Bolton); Cathy Teller (EDC – Town of Bolton); Joyce Stille (Administrator – Town of Bolton); Elaine Buchardt (EDC – Town of Andover)

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS: No Comment.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Vance and seconded by Buchardt to adopt the April 26, 2010 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Stille and seconded by Buchardt to adopt the May 3, 2010 minutes with the correction that Joyce Stille was not present. The motion passed unanimously, with Stille abstaining.

A motion was made by Vance and seconded by Buchardt to adopt the May 10, 2010 minutes with the correction that Joyce Stille was not present. The motion passed unanimously, with Stille abstaining.

CRCOG TRANSPORTATION STUDY:

Lia Huang was present to provide an update on the project. The travel times study has been completed. The signage and pavement markings inventory has been completed. Comments from the first workshop have been received. Recent accident data has been received and are being reviewed.

John Pagini mentioned concerns regarding traffic routing issues when there are accidents on RTE 6.

Preliminary recommendations are being prepared at the moment.

DISCUSSION ON STEAP GRANT WITH CONSULTANT:

Terri distributed an overview of the workshop comments. She felt that the workshop went well and provided positive feedback and guidance on the streetscape proposals. There was not a lot of comment on the trail recommendations.

The public expressed concerns with additional traffic lights and felt that Andover's opportunities were limited. The 37 acre parcel at the intersection of 6/66 raised some concerns about riparian protection and Natural Diversity Database species protection.

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Thoughts were shared about the potential of a retail pharmacy in the corridor. Questions were raised about the 'Andover sand pit' and other wetlands issues.

Questions were raised about future light poles and the costs for them as well as the types.

State Representatives Lewis and Sawyer were present for the forum.

The State POCD needs to be evaluated to determine where there may be inconsistencies with the corridor plans.

It was agreed that future meetings with OPM, DECD, DEP and DOT need to occur to review the corridor recommendations.

The developable area maps were distributed and will be reviewed at the next meeting. It was noted that these maps are for planning purposes only. The 'Corridor Plan' was also distributed and is a composite plan of the individual maps.

It was agreed that gateway signs should include all of the Town's names on them.

It was agreed that the agriculturally used fields in Coventry should be maintained as preservation areas.

The zoning map, regulations and guidelines will be distributed after the workshop. It was agreed that the recommended zones should be outright zones as opposed to overlay zones.

Jana commented that the Columbia PZC has not been very supportive of the corridor zoning concept. John Pagini offered to assist in working with the Commission to shed further light on the concept.

Final reports are anticipated during August.

NEXT MEETING DATE/AGENDA: The next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2010 at 9:00am.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric M. Trott

Secretary