

ROUTE 6 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 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); Jana Butts (Planner – Town of Columbia); Carmen Vance (Selectman – Town of Columbia); Leigh Ann Hutchinson (Andover – PZC); John Pagini (Planner – Town of Bolton); Elaine Buchardt (EDC – Town of Andover); Joyce Stille (Administrator – Town of Bolton)

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS: No Comment.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

The previous meeting minutes will be provided at the next meeting.

CRCOG TRANSPORTATION STUDY:

Lia Huang reported that the traffic demand model for future conditions is being prepared and calibrated by the consultant. They are also analyzing the data that has been collected.

DISCUSSION ON STEAP GRANT WITH CONSULTANT:

Potential lighting fixtures were reviewed by those in attendance. It was agreed that it was important to maintain a consistent theme of signage and lighting in the corridor. They are to represent a visual cue and not be a functional lighting replacement. A particular model was agreed upon for each node. The issue of long term availability of fixtures was discussed. This issue will be revisited after the workshop to confirm these thoughts.

The Town zoning texts were reviewed and determined to contain the following:

- : Bolton – General business, neighborhood business.
- : Coventry – Commercial.
- : Andover – Business district.
- : Columbia – Commercial.

The existing zoning designations were displayed on handouts that were provided.

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The name of the corridor zone needs to be agreed upon, such as 'Hop River'/'Columbia Meadows'/'Andover Historic' – Overlay or subzones.

During individual Town Commission reviews for projects, it was agreed that there should be a referral to the RTE 6 EDC for input.

It was agreed that there is a need for 'buy in' for the form based zoning approach for the corridor zoning regulations.

It was agreed that there needs to be an appropriate balance struck between the development and preservation of the area at the intersection of RTES 6/66.

John Pagini indicated that it was his understanding that the Bolton Conservation Commission had concerns with the corridor planning efforts related to open space issues. It was confirmed that the individual Town POCD's and Open Space Plans were reflected upon during the process of evaluation of the corridor plans.

It was agreed to add materials to the website, such as minutes.

NEXT MEETING DATE/AGENDA: The next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2010 at 9:00am.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:40am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric M. Trott

Secretary