

ROUTE 6 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: 9:15 am by Joyce Stille

PLACE: Columbia Town Hall Meeting Room

ROLL CALL: Eric M. Trott (Planner – Town of Coventry); Vera Englert (EDC – Town of Columbia); Jana Butts (Planner – Town of Columbia); John Pagini (Planner – Town of Bolton); Elaine Buchardt (EDC – Town of Andover); Joyce Stille (Administrator – Town of Bolton); Carmen Vance (Selectman – Town of Columbia); Lia Huang (CRCOG); Jeff Parker (CHA); Dave Sousa (CHA); Anna Bergeron (DOT)

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS: No Comment.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Vera offered comments to the September 13 minutes (previously adopted) to voice her concerns with the proposed re-design of the RTES 6/66 intersection.

The October 25, 2010 minutes were not available to be adopted.

CRCOG TRANSPORTATION PROJECT:

Anna Bergeron from DOT was present for the meeting.

Dave Sousa from CHA was present to discuss the status of the consultant's work. The methodology for the 2030 buildout assessment was discussed. The assessment reflects existing conditions, current zoning and compares them to proposed conditions.

The determination of net buildable floor area considers the target market absorption rate for 2030, the floor area demands per use and the determination of the average daily traffic demands of the uses.

The importance of reflecting on the existing vs. proposed corridor zoning is very important to provide relevance and adjustment. Dave discussed the advantages to properly planning the future of the corridor by creating proper policies that balance land use and transportation impact to provide a complete picture.

A question was raised on the 'thru traffic' impacts on the model. The consultant relied on CRCOG projections/models for the region for background growth considerations. The geographic limits of the projections/model are important and DOT agreed on the model.

The consultant, CRCOG and DOT will need to continue to coordinate and agree on the ongoing development of the analysis and eventual model.

Residential vs. commercial trip generation are different and must be considered in that manner.

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The consultant indicated that it was their preference to meet with the Council every 4 to 6 weeks for an update and input.

RTE 6 PROJECT:

The Council reviewed calendars and decided that a date that seemed reasonable to schedule the PZC forum would be January 31, 2011. The Andover Community Center was chosen as the location. A personal invitation letter from the Council was agreed upon.

EDC and Selectmen can also be invited but the focus will be the Commissions.

The Community Builder's Institute powerpoint is a good starting point for a presentation. It will be important to show the progress of the project. It would be best if the planners made the actual presentation.

Copies of the slide show and executive summary of the Plan should be handed out, as well as copies of the draft regulations.

It will be necessary to indicate the next steps after the forum to incorporate the Commissions into the process.

NEXT MEETING;

The next meeting is scheduled for November 22, 2010 at 9 am in Columbia.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric M. Trott

Secretary