

ROUTE 6 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 25

APRIL 25, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: 9:13AM by Joyce Stille

PLACE: Columbia Town Hall

ROLL CALL: Joyce Stille (Administrator - Town of Bolton); Eric M. Trott (Planner – Town of Coventry); Vera Englert (EDC – Town of Columbia); John Pagini (Planner – Town of Bolton); Elaine Buchardt (EDC – Town of Andover); Bob Burbank (Selectman – Town of Andover); Carmen Vance (Selectman – Town of Columbia); Jana Butts (WINCOG/Planner – Town of Columbia)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Arlene Fiano of the Bolton Heritage Farm Commission spoke on an open heritage farm week being conducted at the Rose Farm. Arlene asked if the Council was interested in participating in the event to share information about the Council's efforts. The event will be August 21-28. The Council agreed that it is an event where many people could be aware of the Council's activities.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Vance and seconded by Pagini to adopt the March 14, 2011 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously with Burbank abstaining.

A motion was made by Pagini and seconded by Buchardt to adopt the March 28, 2011 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously with Burbank and Vance abstaining.

RTE 6 PROJECT:

All of the member Towns have appointed PZC representatives for the Zoning Subcommittee.

John drafted a letter to the subcommittee members to inquire about availability on a number of dates to have a kick off meeting.

The Boards of Selectmen/Town Council resolution adoption was discussed. The final draft of the resolution will be sent to the members in order to proceed with the adoption of it.

Jana reported that Dagmar has been making more changes to the Council's website.

Bob reported about the status of the Hop River Trail Bridge. Efforts are being coordinated with the DOT to have the bridge moved to the site and installed.

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TRANSPORTATION STUDY:

The consultant's Existing Conditions Report was distributed to the Council. A schedule was also distributed that indicates the timelines and tasks that are to be completed. The consultant will be at the next meeting to collect the comments of the Council on the report.

OTHER:

Eric discussed a recent discussion that he had with the broker for the RTE 6 – Coventry parcel. A party is interested in establishing a retail recreation motor equipment sales operation and a motocross use. The current zoning regulations do not support the motocross component and the draft regulations and plan for the corridor to not support it either, as an appropriate economic development project. Eric will respond to the broker of the Council's response.

John reported on a new craft shop that has opened in an existing building on RTE 6. The 'Stone Craft Cottage' sells country oriented crafts.

It was also mentioned that a new pool and spa use is to be conducted in the former Twisted Steel location.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric M. Trott

Secretary