

ROUTE 6 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00pm by Joyce Stille

PLACE: Andover Community Center

ROLL CALL: Joyce Stille (Administrator - Town of Bolton); 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); Leigh Ann Hutchinson (PZC – Town of Andover); Carmen Vance (Selectman – Town of Columbia); Bob Burbank (Selectman – Town of Columbia)

AUDIENCE ATTENDANCE LIST: (As per sign in sheet) Ted Melinsky; Lauren Woods; Erich Siismets; Bill Jobbagy; Michael Dion; Eric Lunta; John Golensa; Don Schofield; Christine Pattee; Arlene Fiano; Adam Teller; Michelle Firestone; Steve Barnett; Julia Haverl; Courtney Parent; Linda and David Knowlton; Ed Sarisley; J Bolton

ROUTE 6 CORRIDOR STUDY/ZONING REGULATIONS DEVELOPMENT:

Joyce Stille, Eric Trott, John Pagini and Jana Butts narrated a powerpoint presentation that provided a detailed outline of the Route 6 Corridor Study that was prepared by LADA Associates. Details were also provided on the draft zoning regulations that are to be considered by the planning and zoning commissions of the four towns in the corridor. Please refer to attachment 2 which is a copy of the powerpoint presentation.

A question and answer session was conducted at the close of the presentation. The following is a general indication of the nature of the topics addressed.

A question was raised about the use of roundabouts in the transportation design. It was indicated that DOT has been relatively receptive to the use of roundabouts in the corridor.

A question was raised about the potential of a big box store that is willing to comply with the design guidelines. It was indicated that the individual Towns have the ability to adopt regulations that are generally harmonious with the rest of the corridor and would reflect the type/style of projects that could be allowed.

A question was raised about the conservation designation in the corridor.

A question was raised about the ongoing traffic study. It was indicated that CRCOG has hired a consultant to prepare a detailed transportation study that dovetails with the corridor plan to analyze the transportation needs that would result from the development encouraged in the corridor.

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A question was raised about sewer availability in the corridor. It was agreed that wastewater amenities in the corridor are critical to the success overall. The use of package treatment systems may prove to be more useful as opposed to extensions of existing systems.

A question was raised about the DOT's view on the traffic calming measures. The DOT has been relatively open to the various traffic calming options.

A question was raised about the financial implications of the planning and zoning efforts being discussed. The use of EDDs and Federal funding was discussed as well as other State funding opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric M. Trott

Secretary