

ROUTE 6 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: 9:10AM by Joyce Stille

PLACE: Yeoman's Hall - Columbia

ROLL CALL: Joyce Stille (Town 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); Carmen Vance (Selectman – Town of Columbia); Jana Butts (WINCOG/Planner – Town of Columbia); Leigh Ann Hutchinson (PZC – Town of Andover); Anna Bergeron (CT-DOT); Lia Huang (CRCOG); Jeff Parker (CHA); Rob Aloise (CRCOG)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Vance and seconded by Buchardt to adopt the August 1, 2011 minutes with minor corrections. The motion passed unanimously with Stille, Englert, Hutchinson, Butts and Trott abstaining.

TRANSPORTATION STUDY:

Lia from CRCOG and Jeff from CHA were present to provide an overview of the work performed to analyze the various options at the nodes along the Corridor that have been prepared by the consultant.

Andover Village Node:

A new 2 phase approach to relocating RTE 6 closer to the Hop River was discussed. Concepts involving improved trail access were reviewed as well. There is a possibility to reduce the scope of pavement by creating a one-way road which can in-turn create better River connection possibilities. The involvement of the senior housing and ball fields should be considered.

Leigh Ann inquired on the likelihood of the actual development of such a node and the predicted pedestrian activity. She believes more outreach is needed to the community on this matter. Joyce indicated that long term opportunities need to be effectively evaluated and applied.

Trail-side development options were discussed, which rely upon the ultimate location of the road. Opportunities for preservation along the Trail are important as well.

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Three separate concepts were reviewed – A – signalized with intersection improvements; B – roundabout with a road shift and addition of development area; C – major re-alignment will not be pursued due to scale of project.

A modified concept C was provided that reduces the re-alignment and opens some development area near the intersection. Park and ride opportunities also exist. The northwest area of development originally proposed would be deleted that had potential floodplain impacts. A connection to the Trail also seems feasible. The consultant will further evaluate how the new roundabout would fit the geometry of the area.

The Cards Mill Road area is a good gateway opportunity. The former roadside picnic area is near the trailhead location and should be incorporated.

Bolton Notch:

Various concepts have been prepared by the consultant, including the following:

Concept A involves minor modifications to the Notch Road intersection.

Concept B provides a signalized intersection at 6/44 with improvements to the Notch Road intersection.

Concept C is a traditional 'T' intersection with Notch Road not being connected.

Concept D involves a two land roundabout and a boulevard at the end of 384 as well as Notch Road alignment improvements.

It was agreed that the Notch Road connection is critical for emergency services and Town usage.

Coventry:

A re-alignment of South Street accessing RTE 6 via the Coventry parcel was reviewed. The current location of South Street would be modified to a cul de sac before the river. New residential development in the vicinity needs to be checked to determined impact on the concept.

A follow up meeting with DEEP and Legislators was discussed. Meetings continue with the Zoning Regulation Committee.

Leigh Ann inquired on the possible signalization of the Shoddy Mill Road intersection. The traffic speeds will continue to be analyzed in the Corridor and intersection solutions will be examined.

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NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric M. Trott

Secretary