

ROUTE 6 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: 9:18 AM by Acting Chairman Carmen Vance

PLACE: Columbia Town Hall Meeting Room, 323 Route 87, Columbia

ROLL CALL: Carmen Vance (1st Selectman – Town of Columbia); Bob Burbank (1st Selectman – Town of Andover [at 9:23 AM]); Vera Englert (EDC – Town of Columbia); Elaine Buchardt (EDC – Town of Andover); Leigh Ann Hutchinson (PZC – Town of Andover); Jana Butts, AICP (Planner – Town of Columbia); John D. Pagini, AICP (Director of Community Development – Town of Bolton);

MINUTES: The minutes of June 6, 2011 were tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TRANSPORTATION STUDY: The Capital Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) will sponsor a series of workshops to seek public input from stakeholders on a variety of possible improvement options to Route 6. The workshops are as follows:

June 29, 2011 – 7:00 PM – Andover

July 19, 2011 – 7:00 PM – Bolton and Coventry (in Bolton)

July 27, 2011 – 7:00 PM - Columbia

Some discussion ensued concerning the stakeholders to be invited.

There was also some discussion concerning why the CRCOG Study was taking place. Differing opinions were presented. It was pointed out that the Route 6 plan only dealt with possible improvements to Route 6 conceptually, while the CRCOG safety study will consider them in the context of CRCOG's detailed analysis of traffic and pedestrian safety along the corridor. The study looks at traffic safety in the context of future growth affecting the corridor.

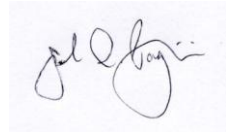
JUNE 30, 2011 PRESENTATION: The Council members then discussed plans to present the Plan and discuss its implementation with Regional and State officials and legislators. The presentation will be at CRCOG, 241 Main Street, Hartford, at 9:30 AM. John Pagini volunteered to create a streamlined version of the presentation to regional commissions, with a focus on implementation strategies which require action by State and Regional agencies and by legislators. Jana Butts emphasized a focus on changes to the State Regional Policies Plan and Map. She also stated that the Regional Agencies should take action to adopt the Route 6 plan, as well as local plans by the four Towns in the Corridor. Handouts for the meeting were discussed, and it was the consensus of the members that a copy of the slide presentation and essential parts of the Executive Summary were appropriate. The end of the slide show should focus

on what we need from the agencies and legislators. The members agreed that the Council should seek liaisons from the relevant agencies on the Route 6 project; should focus on the initiatives necessary to create a development entity which can leverage Federal Economic Development Funds; and should ask for organizational support. The members asked that the invitation to the June 30 meeting be resent to the Council members.

ADJOURNMENT: a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jana Butts, and seconded by Elaine Buchardt, and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

John D. Pagini, AICP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Pagini". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

Acting Secretary

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