

ROUTE 6 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 23, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: 9:05AM by Carmen Vance

PLACE: Columbia Town Hall

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)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Vance and seconded by Hutchinson to adopt the May 9, 2011 minutes with the correction that Lighthouse Corner should be identified as a Gateway in the CHA plan. The motion passed unanimously, with Stille abstaining.

TRANSPORTATION STUDY:

CHA requested that the Council provide final comments on the existing conditions plan for the corridor at this meeting. Overall, the Council felt that the plan was well prepared and conveyed the concepts very well and the images were helpful.

Carmen reported on a meeting between DOT and Edith Prague regarding pavement issues that were of concern to a local citizen. The concerns appeared to be more aesthetic in nature.

RTE 6 PROJECT:

Scheduling a meeting date for the zoning subcommittee has been difficult. John will reach out again to the members via 'Doodle' for a June meeting.

All Council/Selectmen endorsements have been completed and the resolution sheet is being signed by the Towns.

An important next step is to schedule a meeting with the various State agencies, such as: DECD, DEP, DPH, Legislators, OPM, Regions, Metro Hartford Alliance. After the June legislative sessions seems to be reasonable.

John reported that he and Terri Hahn did a presentation of the Corridor Plan for the CRCOG Transportation Committee and it was well received. Efforts will be made to do a similar presentation to WINCOG.

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USDA funding possibilities for sewer and water facilities were discussed.

It was agreed that the next two meetings should be dedicated to preparation for the presentation with the State agencies.

Eric briefly discussed a potential Transit Oriented Design Grant opportunity for the Council. It was agreed that the grant was not very applicable at the moment.

The Council discussed the use of STEAP funds to assist with gateway improvements to demonstrate visible enhancements to the corridor. Some of the corridor towns have already committed to other projects at this time. John volunteered to pursue potential costs for these improvements.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric M. Trott

Secretary