

ROUTE 6 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: 9:17 AM by Joyce Stille

PLACE: Columbia Town Hall

ROLL CALL: Elaine Buchardt (EDC – Town of Andover); John Pagini (Planner – Town of Bolton) ; Carmen Vance (Selectman – Town of Columbia); Joyce Stille (Town Administrator – Town of Bolton)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

October 15, 2012, 2012 – A motion was made by Carmen Vance and seconded by Elaine Buchardt to adopt the minutes of October 15, 2012 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

NEXT STEPS AND FUNDING:

Joyce Stille noted that the CRCOG Policy Board approved the Route 6 Transportation Study unanimously and without debate. Joyce Stille also noted that the Study should be added to the WINCOG agenda for action.

Joyce Stille also announced that CRCOG is working on its Economic Development District delineations. She mentioned a conversation with Lyle Wray, Executive Director of CRCOG, who believes that an EDD can be in two districts, contrary to earlier advice that REDC received. One of the regional agencies would need to take the lead.

There was discussion about a Regional Performance Grant application for P/T Economic Development specialist to be shared by the Towns of Coventry, Mansfield, and Tolland. Joyce Stille stated that she has discussed with John Elsesser and Steve Werbner the possibility that the three remaining REDC towns could be added to the application with perhaps 1 ½ positions to be shared by the 6 towns. Each Town would contract for a specific project. Joyce Stille queried whether a leakage study might be performed through these services.

Joyce Stille also reported that CRCOG and the consultant appeared on her TV show last week. Before the Final Report can be issued, ConnDOT comments, if any, needed to be incorporated.

Carmen Vance reported that she has looked into the price of signs. She advocated for a sign like the Hebron Town sign at the border with Columbia.

ZONING COMMITTEE:

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John Pagini reported that the meeting on November 8 was well attended, and the members were working well in developing the draft. He added that the Committee's target was to have an early draft done by the end of the year, and then prepare a "road show" tailored to each Town with the objective of not only educating the PZCs about the nature of the proposed new zoning, but to get feedback from them as well. John Pagini also reported that several towns were concerned that the draft might not be well-received, at least initially.

John Pagini also reported that the Committee had briefly discussed the idea of creating another Zoning District (although one of the Hop River Districts). Discussion centered around the status of the large State-owned parcel which comprises a significant part of the proposed Business Park.

The Committee discussed the fact that a year has passed since ConnDOT met with Town of Bolton officials and discussed the plans for the evaluation and disposition of land once slated for the Route 6 Expressway. John Pagini offered to contact Tom Masiarz at ConnDOT to determine the status of this process.

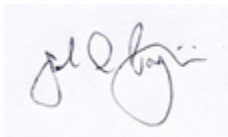
NEXT MEETING:

The next REDC meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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John D. Pagini  
Secretary Pro Tem