

ROUTE 6 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: 9:13AM by Joyce Stille

PLACE: Columbia Town Hall

ROLL CALL: Eric M. Trott (Planner – Town of Coventry); John Pagini (Planner – Town of Bolton); Elaine Buchardt (EDC – Town of Andover); Jana Butts (WINCOG/Planner – Town of Columbia); ; Joyce Stille (Town Administrator – Town of Bolton); Vera Englert (EDC/PZC – Columbia); Lia Huang (CRCOG); Jeff Parker (CHA); Carmen Vance (Selectman – Columbia)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

The adoption of the March 12th minutes was postponed to the next meeting.

TRANSPORTATION STUDY:

COLUMBIA –

The ‘roundabout with the village’ concept was reviewed further.

Jana mentioned that she explored the soils issues at that location and discussed the matter with Terri Hahn. It was determined that the soils were deemed to be feasible for development in general terms.

The matter of consensus with the Columbia representatives was revisited.

A motion was made by Carmen and seconded by John to support the ‘roundabout with the village’ concept at the intersection of Routes 6/66. The motion passed with John, Eric, Joyce, and Carmen in favor and Vera in opposition.

ANDOVER –

The ‘village with the split Route 6’ concept was reviewed

A phased approach to the development to achieve the village layout was determined to be agreeable. The park and ride site will need to be addressed. The area to the east of the church is to be noted as ‘future development potential’. Access on Long Hill Road should be adjusted to provide better cueing. The original assumptions for parking ratios were used for the design.

COVENTRY –

The new intersection at the ‘Coventry Ridge’ site was reviewed.

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Gateway treatments were enhanced at the South Street – Route 6 intersection.

A discussion ensued about the future use of the area where the existing South Street is to terminate. River access, pedestrian/hiking access, emergency access, dry hydrant/fire suppression were discussed.

BOLTON –

The ‘Bolton Crossroads and 6/44/384 interchange’ concept was reviewed.

A motion was made by Pagini and seconded by Buchardt to support the concepts that were reviewed and agreed upon during the meeting for the Bolton node, as documented by CHA. The motion passed unanimously.

The next steps/implementation plan sample was distributed for review. This document can be used to determine priorities of the projects based upon the complexity, design, constraints, safety factors and costs.

Mechanisms for funding and timing of the projects were discussed. It will be important to prioritize the various improvements of the projects to facilitate the appropriate ongoing projects associated with the Plan.

The zoning regulation subcommittee continues their work. Mark Branse is still preparing information that can be utilized as a template by the subcommittee.

Elaine mentioned a mixed use proposal in Andover of Dion that seemed to be consistent with the Corridor plan. More details will be provided.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2012. CHA will return on May 7th.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric M. Trott

Secretary