

ROUTE 6 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: 9:15AM 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); Joyce Stille (Town Administrator – Town of Bolton); Carmen Vance (Selectman – Columbia); Leigh Ann Hutchinson (PZC – Town of Andover); Lia Huang (CRCOG); Jeff Parker (CHA); Anna Bergeron (CT DOT); Molly Parsons (CT DOT)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Vance and seconded by Buchardt to adopt the minutes of April 23, 2012 with the following modifications:

: page 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph under adoption of minutes – add ‘between Carmen, Jana and Vera’ after ‘occur’

: page 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph under adoption of minutes – is to be struck and is to be revised as follows – ‘Carmen indicated that the roundabout has been discussed multiple times throughout the process and the roundabout has been determined to be the concept to proceed with. Adjustments to that concept are likely still going to occur over time to address outstanding issues. It will probably be many years before anything is done with that corner.’

: page 1 – 8<sup>th</sup> paragraph under adoption of minutes – is to be struck.

TRANSPORTATION STUDY:

Lia and Jeff distributed the Preliminary Draft – Recommendations and Implementation Plan Technical Memorandum. The document includes recommendations on the following subjects: focus areas - nodes, access and safety and multi-modal opportunities.

Elaine inquired about the trail height issue at the Andover node. It was agreed to remove the recommendation to lower the trail height and add language about providing trail head parking.

Joyce inquired about the King’s Road Bridge. It was agreed to delete the need for replacement and include support for way finding signage to use current route.

Project prioritization was discussed in detail. This is influenced by timing, funding, permits and nature of improvements.

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Trail signage was discussed and the need for a consistent 'brand' or theme in the corridor. The East Coast Greenway is a good example.

Leigh Ann inquired about page 4-24 and asked for clarification on the language. She mentioned support for the text that encouraged speed management and police presence in the corridor.

Elaine inquired about the timing of the Andover DPW building to facilitate the ultimate project in the long term.

Carmen inquired about the side road improvements in project S5 and the need to cross reference with other relevant sections.

It was noted that text was added regarding the issue of Lighthouse Corner business visibility.

Jeff requested that the Council provide guidance on the prioritization for the projects in the towns. He suggested different ways of prioritizing them. Input from the public forums can be used to assist in prioritization.

#### ROUTE 6 PROJECT:

Dates for the public forums in June were discussed. Columbia will host the forum on June 7 and Andover will host the forum on June 11. Dates will be confirmed for CHA to visit with the individual Town Council/Selectmen.

#### ZONING COMMITTEE:

John continues work on the RTE 44 Corridor project in Bolton which will serve as a template.

#### NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is when CHA will return, which will be on May 21.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric M. Trott

Secretary