

ROUTE 6 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: 9:10AM by Joyce Stille

PLACE: Columbia Town Hall

ROLL CALL: Eric M. Trott (Planner – Town of Coventry); Elaine Buchardt (EDC – Town of Andover); (Vera Englert – PZC, EDC Columbia); Jeff Parker (CHA); Anna Bergeron (CT DOT); Molly Parsons (CT DOT); Jana Butts (Planner – Town of Columbia); Lia Huang (CRCOG); John Pagini (Planner – Town of Bolton) ; Carmen Vance (Selectman – Town of Columbia); Joyce Stille (Town Administrator – Town of Bolton); Mike Antonellis (Planning Technician/ZEO – Town of Coventry)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

June 25, 2012 – A motion was made by Vance and seconded by Buchardt to adopt the minutes of June 25, 2012 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

July 30, 2012 – A motion was made by Pagini and seconded by Vance to adopt the minutes of July 30, 2012, with the correction to Elaine Buchardt's name. The motion passed unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION STUDY:

Lia indicated that all four towns have accepted/endorsed the transportation plan. DOT provided some minor comments on language and clarification. The report is being finalized with some additional appendix information and simple graphic changes.

It was agreed that Lighthouse Corners should have detailed view corridors to protect existing features.

NEXT STEPS:

The Plan is to be presented at the CRCOG Transportation Committee for endorsement then to the Policy Board. WINCOG intends on incorporating it into its next Regional Plan update.

After it is adopted by the CRCOG policy board then it is entered into the Regional Transportation Plan that will demonstrate CRCOG support for future solicitations.

The Council expressed its appreciation to the DOT Staff, CRCOG and the consultant for all of their fine work to put together a great plan.

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STATE POCD:

John provided some brief background on the Plan update as well as how the Council's Plan corresponds to it.

At Bolton Crossroads, a small expansion towards the Hop River Trail is being suggested, otherwise the Priority Development Area is acceptable.

At Coventry Ridge, the parcel is currently undesignated and will be recommended to be a Village Development Area to be consistent with the Corridor Plan.

At Andover Center, the Village Development Area encompasses the node in the Plan, with the exception of the recreation and senior housing across the river.

At Lighthouse Corners, a change from Conservation Area to Village Development Area will be recommended.

At the RTE 66 east node at the Windham Town line, the Priority Development Area or Village Development Area is acceptable.

A motion was made by Vance and seconded by Buchardt to endorse proposed changes to the State POCD consistent with the visuals prepared by John and the comments agreed to by those in attendance. The motion passed unanimously.

The Planners will work to draft a letter to submit to the State.

ZONING COMMITTEE:

Recently there have been quorum issues, but progress continues to be made on the draft regulations. A sample will be shared with the Council very soon.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric M. Trott

Secretary