

MIDSTATE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

DATE: January 10, 2012

PLACE: Midstate Regional Planning Agency
100 DeKoven Drive
Middletown, CT

MEMBERS: CROMWELL Al Diaz *
Richard Newton *
Mertie Terry

DURHAM Laura Francis
Richard Eriksen *

EAST HADDAM Melissa Ziobron *
Mark Walter
Vacancy

EAST HAMPTON Mark Philhower *
Andrew Tierney
John Weichsel

HADDAM Stasia DeMichele *
Raul deBrigard *
Paul DeStefano

MIDDLEFIELD David Lowry
Jerry Russ
Jon Brayshaw

MIDDLETOWN W. Lee Osborne *
Michael Johnson *
Carl Bolz *
Daniel Drew

PORTLAND C. Joseph Seiferman *
Vacancy
Susan Bransfield *

STAFF: Geoffrey Colegrove, Executive Director *
Robert Haramut, Transportation Planner *

* Designates present

OTHERS Norman Ward, Portland Conservation Commission
PRESENT: Deanne Rhodes, Portland Town Planner
James Ventres, East Haddam Town Planner
Beth Emery, Middletown Planning and Zoning, Bicycling Education
Sean Dwyer, Director of Park and Recreation, Portland
John Hall, Executive Director Jonah Center, Middletown
Bill Warner, Middletown City Planner
Ralph Wilson Esq.
Mayor Dan Drew, City of Middletown

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Chairman Eriksen.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Osborne, to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion of Mr. Osborne, seconded by Mr. Newton, it was unanimously voted to:

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2011
AGENCY MEETING.

PUBLIC SESSION

No one spoke at this time.

2011 STP-ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT PRIORITIZATION (PRESENTATIONS, REVIEW AND RANKING)

MRPA is expected to receive \$800,000 in federal funds for the STP-Enhancement program between FFY 2013 and 2016. A request for projects was sent to the member municipalities in October. Three towns submitted applications; all requesting the full funding amount. The project sponsors were invited to provide the Agency with a

presentation discussing the merits of their proposed projects to help the Agency prioritize the projects for submittal to ConnDOT. Presentations were done alphabetically by town beginning with East Haddam.

Jim Ventres, Town Planner, discussed the Moodus Center Sidewalk and Lighting Improvement Project (phase 2). Additional information was provided by members from other town boards and commissions.

Middletown's Mayor Drew presented the city's proposed project to create the Wesleyan Hills to Downtown Connector Path. City Planner, Bill Warner and John Hall, Executive Director of the Jonas Center also spoke about this project.

Deanna Rhodes, Portland Town Planner presented the town's proposal for the extension of the Airline State Park Trail into Portland. Additional information was provided by members from other town boards and commissions.

Agency members asked questions of the project sponsors following each presentation. Some Agency member wanted to do their own field reviews of the project locations prior to making their prioritization decisions.

Upon motion of Mr. Newton, seconded by Ms. Ziobron, it was unanimously voted to:

TABLE THE PROJECT PRIORITIZATION UNTIL THE
FEBRUARY AGENCY MEETING AT WHICH TIME A
DECISION WILL HAVE TO BE MADE SO THE TOP
PRIORITY CAN BE SENT TO THE STATE.

**2010 TIP AMENDMENT #47 – PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON INTERSTATE
AND NON-INTERSTATE ROUTES, DISTRICT 1, PROJECTS 0171-0361 AND
0171-0362**

Upon motion of Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Bolz, it was unanimously voted to:

APPROVE THE 2010 TIP AMENDMENT #47 – PAVEMENT
MARKINGS ON INTERSTATE AND NON-INTERSTATE
ROUTES, DISTRICT 1, PROJECTS 0171-0361 AND 0171-0362.

2010 TIP AMENDMENT #48 – PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON INTERSTATE AND NON-INTERSTATE ROUTES, DISTRICT 2, PROJECTS 0172-0412 AND 0172-0413

Upon motion of Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Bolz, it was unanimously voted to:

APPROVE THE 2010 TIP AMENDMENT #48 – PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON INTERSTATE AND NON-INTERSTATE ROUTES, DISTRICT 2, PROJECTS 0172-0412 AND 0172-0413.

2010 TIP AMENDMENT #49 – CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT PARKING GARAGE, MIDDLETOWN, PROJECT 0082-0308

Upon motion of Mr. Philhower, seconded by Ms. Bransfield, it was unanimously voted to:

APPROVE THE 2010 TIP AMENDMENT #49 – CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT PARKING GARAGE, MIDDLETOWN, PROJECT 0082-0308.

ENDORSE 2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Upon motion of Mr. Bolz, seconded by Mr. Newton, it was unanimously voted to:

ENDORSE 2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM WITH THE AMENDMENT TO MAP ON PAGE 42.

ENDORSE NOVEMBER 2011 OZONE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION

Upon motion of Mr. Osborne, seconded by Mr. Bolz, it was unanimously voted to:

ENDORSE NOVEMBER 2011 OZONE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY UPDATE

Mr. Colegrove discussed the table showing the number of cars and households participating in the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for 2007-2011. The collection was very successful this year with a large increase in cars and households over past years. New contracts for the 2012 collections will be sent to the towns for signing in April.

APPOINTMENT TO THE CT RIVER ASSEMBLY (CURRENTLY RAUL DEBRIGARD, MIDSTATE REPRESENTATIVE)

Upon motion of Ms. Ziobron, seconded by Mr. Bolz, it was unanimously voted to:

REAPPOINT RAUL DEBRIGARD AS THE MIDSTATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CONNECTICUT RIVER ASSEMBLY.

ZONING AND SUBDIVISION REFERRALS

Copies of the "Midstate Zoning, Subdivision and Plan of Conservation and Development Referral" forms #001-003 were distributed to the members. The referrals were presented by staff, discussed, and the following action was taken.

Referral - #001 – Upon motion of Mr. Osborne, seconded by Ms. Ziobron, it was unanimously voted to:

NOTIFY THE SALEM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE DRAFT PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT IS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH EAST HADDAM'S LAND USE POLICIES AND REGIONAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.

Referral - #002 – Upon motion of Mr. Osborne, seconded by Mr. Bolz, it was unanimously voted to:

NOTIFY THE ROCKY HILL PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE PROPOSED ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF "COMMUNITY BUILDINGS FOR NON-PROFITS ORGANIZATIONS" TO "COMMUNITY BUILDING/CENTER" IS NOT OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.

Referral - #003– Upon motion of Mr. Osborne, seconded by Ms. Ziobron, it was voted to:

NOTIFY THE MIDDLETOWN PLANNING AND ZONING
COMMISSION THAT THE AGENCY FINDS NO NEGATIVE
IMPACT ON THE PROPOSED 32 LOT MAJESTIC OAK
ESTATES RESUBDIVISION AT 2200 SOUTH MAIN STREET.

Mr. Newton, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Bransfield, and Ms. DeMichele abstained from voting.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AUDIT

The audit conducted by Carlin, Charron and Rose, LLP, dated June 30, 2011 was discussed.

Upon motion of Mr. Bolz, seconded by Mr. Johnson, it was unanimously voted to:

APPROVED THE ANNUAL AUDIT DATED JUNE 30, 2011,
AS PRESENTED.

MISCELLANEOUS

There were no items at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey L. Colegrove
for William Lee Osborne