

MIDSTATE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

DATE: February 17, 2009

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

MEMBERS:	CROMWELL	Al Diaz Richard Newton *
	DURHAM	Laura Francis Richard Eriksen
	EAST HADDAM	Melissa Ziobron * Vacancy
	EAST HAMPTON	Vacancy Andrew Tierney
	HADDAM	Stasia DeMichele Raul deBrigard *
	MIDDLEFIELD	David Lowry * William Waff
	MIDDLETOWN	W. Lee Osborne * Catherine Johnson Carl Bolz
	PORTLAND	C. Joseph Seiferman * Donald Bascom

STAFF: Geoffrey Colegrove, Executive Director *
Robert Haramut, Transportation Planner *
Carla Iezzi, CT Department of Transportation *

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Seiferman.

* Designates present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2008 MEETING.

Ms. Ziobron abstained from voting.

PUBLIC SESSION

No one spoke at this time.

2007-2011 TIP AMENDMENT #46 – UPGRADE GUIDERAIL – DISTRICT 2

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

APPROVE THE 2007-2011 TIP AMENDMENT #46 –
UPGRADE GUIDERAIL – DISTRICT 2.

2007-2011 TIP AMENDMENT #47 – GUIDERAIL AND ILLUMINATION IMPROVEMENTS – I-91 MIDDLETOWN

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

APPROVE THE 2007-2011 TIP AMENDMENT #47 –
GUIDERAIL AND ILLUMINATION IMPROVEMENTS – I-91
MIDDLETOWN.

2007-2011 TIP AMENDMENT #48 – BUS REPLACEMENTS STATEWIDE

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

APPROVE THE 2007-2011 TIP AMENDMENT #48 – BUS
REPLACEMENTS STATEWIDE.

REVIEW LIST OF 2008 OBLIGATED AND GRANTED PROJECTS

The list was review by the Agency members.

REVIEW ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE PROGRAM

It was discussed that ConnDoT has been looking for shovel ready transportation projects that would be candidates for economic stimulus package funding. The only shovel ready project in the region is the Saybrook Road reconstruction project in Middletown. It is currently and STP-Urban project scheduled to be obligated in FY 2010. The current cost estimate is \$2.7 million and region is expected to receive about \$2.2 million in stimulus funds under this program. The Board agreed to submit the Saybrook Road project to ConnDoT for funding.

APPOINTMENT TO THE CT RIVER ASSEMBLY

The Agency reappointed the present members.

ZONING, SUBDIVISION, AND PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT REFERRALS

Copies of the "Midstate Zoning, Subdivision, and Plan of Conservation and Development Referral" forms #001-006 were distributed to the members. The referrals were presented by staff and discussed. The following action was taken.

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

NOTIFY THE SALEM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE AGENCY VOTED THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 3.14.6, 3.25F AND 3.25M ARE NOT OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.

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

NOTIFY THE CROMWELL PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE AGENCY VOTED THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT TO DESIGNATE LAND ON A PARCEL IN EXCESS OF FOUR ACRES AS OPEN SPACE LAND AND WOULD BE TAXED ON ITS USE VALUE IS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAND USE POLICIES IN THE ABUTTING MIDSTATE MUNICIPALITIES.

Referrals #003 – Upon motion of Ms. Ziobron, seconded by Mr. Newton, it was unanimously voted to:

NOTIFY THE DURHAM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE AGENCY VOTED THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO REDUCE THE MAXIMUM SIZE OF A STRUCTURE IN THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS FROM 30,000 SQ. FT. TO 15,000 SQ. FT. ARE NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE ZONING REGULATIONS IN THE ABUTTING MIDSTATE MUNICIPALITIES. THIS SIZE RESTRICTION IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH MODERN DEVELOPMENT PRACTICES.

Referrals #004 – Upon motion of Mr. deBrigard, seconded by Ms. Ziobron, it was unanimously voted to:

NOTIFY THE PORTLAND PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE AGENCY VOTED THAT THE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT REGULATIONS IS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE EXISTING ZONING IN THE ABUTTING MIDSTATE MUNICIPALITIES.

Referrals #005 – Upon motion of Mr. Osborne, seconded by Ms. Ziobron, it was unanimously voted to:

NOTIFY THE MADISON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE AGENCY VOTED THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2000 PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT TO INCLUDE A BRADLEY ROAD VISION STUDY IS NOT OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.

Referrals #006 – Upon motion of Mr. Osborne, seconded by Mr. Newton, it was unanimously voted to:

NOTIFY THE MIDDLEFIELD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE AGENCY VOTED THAT THE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE EXISTING EARTH EXCAVATION AND REMOVAL REGULATIONS IS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE ZONING IN THE ABUTTING MIDSTATE MUNICIPALITIES.

REVIEW OF AUDIT

The audit conducted by Carlin, Charron and Rosen, LLP, dated June 30, 2008 was discussed.

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

APPROVE THE ANNUAL AUDIT DATED JUNE 30, 2008, AS PRESENTED.

Ms. Ziobron abstained from voting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey L. Colegrove
for William Lee Osborne