

MIDSTATE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

DATE: March 1, 2011

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

MEMBERS: CROMWELL Al Diaz *
Richard Newton
John Flanders

DURHAM Laura Francis
Richard Eriksen *

EAST HADDAM Melissa Ziobron *
Mark Walter
Vacancy

EAST HAMPTON Mark Philhower
Andrew Tierney
Robert Drewry

HADDAM Stasia DeMichele
Raul deBrigard
Paul DeStefano

MIDDLEFIELD David Lowry
Jerry Russ *
Jon Brayshaw

MIDDLETOWN W. Lee Osborne *
Catherine Johnson *
Carl Bolz *
Sebastian Giuliano

PORTLAND C. Joseph Seiferman *
Vacancy
Susan Bransfield

STAFF: Geoffrey Colegrove, Executive Director *
Robert Haramut, Transportation Planner *
Grayson Wright, CT Department of Transportation *
Erik Shortell, Federal Highway Administration *

* Designates present

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mr. Eriksen.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

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

APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2011 SPECIAL MEETING.

PUBLIC SESSION

No one spoke at this time.

**2010-2013 TIP AMENDMENT #32 – STATEWIDE HIGHWAY SYSTEM INVENTORY,
PROJECT #0170-3062**

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

APPROVE THE 2010-2013 TIP AMENDMENT #32 – STATEWIDE
HIGHWAY SYSTEM INVENTORY, PROJECT #0170-3062.

**2010-2013 TIP AMENDMENT #33 – EAST HADDAM BRIDGE REHABILITATION,
PROJECT #0040-0130 AND #0040-0135**

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

APPROVE THE 2010-2013 TIP AMENDMENT #33 – EAST HADDAM
BRIDGE REHABILITATION, PROJECT #0040-0130 AND #0040-0135.

2010-2013 TIP AMENDMENT #34 – STATEWIDE HIGHWAY BRIDGE PROGRAM ENGINEERING, PROJECT #0170-3063

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

APPROVE THE 2010-2013 TIP AMENDMENT #34 – STATEWIDE HIGHWAY BRIDGE PROGRAM ENGINEERING, PROJECT #0170-3063.

Although not specifically related to project 0170-3062 or 0170-3063, the members would like additional information regarding municipal street signs, and ConnDOT's various bridge lists.

STP – URBAN PROGRAM STATUS

The STP-Urban program carryover project, Willowbrook Road in Cromwell, was submitted to ConnDOT's project concept unit and the town should be hearing from ConnDOT in the future. No new applications were received from the recent request for projects, but there are a few potential projects that the towns might submit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ROUTE 34/NEW HAVEN OZONE AQC-DETERMINATION

There were no public comments relating to the revised Air Quality Conformity Determination, although the Agency board would like more detailed information with regards to the New Haven project which triggered the conformity review.

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Messrs. deBrigard and Newton and Ms. Francis were appointed as the Nominating Committee. Their recommendations will be submitted at the April Agency meeting.

ZONING AND SUBDIVISION REFERRALS

There were no referrals at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

The members decided to send a letter to the Governor stating that the Agency believes the busway is a bad investment and that the rail service would be better for the State.

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

SEND A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR STATING THE AGENCY BELIEVES THAT THE PROPOSED BUSWAY IS A BAD INVESTMENT AND THAT THE RAIL SERVICE WOULD BE BETTER FOR THE STATE. THE MEMBERS PRESENT ALSO REQUESTED TO BE LISTED ON THE LETTER.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey L. Colegrove
for William Lee Osborne