

MIDSTATE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: April 7, 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	Mark Philhower * Andrew Tierney
HADDAM	Stasia DeMichele Raul deBrigard
MIDDLEFIELD	David Lowry Jerry Russ *
MIDDLETOWN	W. Lee Osborne * Catherine Johnson Carl Bolz *
PORTLAND	C. Joseph Seiferman * Donald Bascom *

STAFF: Geoffrey Colegrove, Executive Director *
Robert Haramut, Transportation Planner *
Grayson Wright, CT Department of Transportation *
Jeffery O'Keefe, East Hampton Town Manager * (Proxy for Andrew Tierney)
Mark Masselli, Community Health Center CEO *

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Chairman Eriksen.

* Designates present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2009 AND
MARCH 3, 2009 MEETINGS.

Ms. Francis abstained from voting.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mark Masselli, Chief Elected Officer of the Community Health Center in Middletown discussed the shovel-ready project to construction a three-story, 45,000 square foot, state-of-the-art, green building at the corner of Main and Grand Streets in Middletown. This would consolidate its services under one roof in an aesthetically pleasing building.

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

ENDORSE THE RESOLUTION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE
APPROPRIATE STIMULUS PROVISIONS OF THE STATE TO
CONSTRUCT A THREE-STORY BUILDING TO CONSOLIDATE
ALL SERVICES OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER.

2007-2011 TIP AMENDMENT #50 – DESIGN OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS STATEWIDE

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

APPROVE THE 2007-2011 TIP AMENDMENT #50 – DESIGN OF
TRAFFIC SIGNALS STATEWIDE.

2007-2011 TIP AMENDMENT #51 – INSTALLATION AND REVISION OF STC TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS, DISTRICT 2

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

APPROVE THE 2007-2011 TIP AMENDMENT #51 – INSTALLATION
AND REVISION OF STC TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS, DISTRICT
2.

REVIEW AND RANK FY 2009 FTA SECTION 5310 APPLICATION

The Red Cross submitted one FTA 5310 application for FY 2009. It was reviewed by the Board Members and will be forwarded to ConnDoT as the region's top priority application.

Upon motion by Ms. Francis, seconded by Mr. O'Keefe, it was unanimously voted to:

TO SUBMIT THE RED CROSS FTA 5310 APPLICATION FOR FY 2009 TO CONNDOT AS THE REGION'S TOP PRIORITY APPLICATION.

ALLOCATION OF TRANSPORTATION STIMULUS FUNDS

Mr. Haramut discussed that shovel ready transportation related projects for inclusion in a federal economic stimulus package were solicited in December. No shovel ready projects meeting the criteria were currently available in the region. As a result, we are now soliciting for pavement preservation type projects. These are projects that can be initiated, selected, and constructed quickly since they require a limited amount of engineering because they do not substantially alter the roadway characteristics and have minimal environmental impacts. A thin HMA overlay on a structurally sound road would be an example of a pavement preservation type project. Mr. Haramut stated that the region is expected to receive approximately two million dollars in ARRA project funding. The submitted projects must be on roadways classified as a collector or higher within the urbanized boundaries. Prioritized lists must be submitted to Midstate RPA by April 24, 2009 and will be prioritized at the Agency's May 5, 2009 meeting before being forwarded to ConnDoT.

The members reviewed the alternative formulas for the allocation of ARRA transportation funds.

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

ADOPT ALTERNATIVE 3 AS PRESENTED, AND IF THE TOWNS DO NOT SUBMIT PROJECTS THE FUNDS WILL BE RE-ALLOCATED BASED ON THE EXISTING FORMULA. THE FUNDS WILL BE RECALCULATED BASED ON THE AVERAGE PERCENT TO TOWNS WITH ADDITIONAL PROJECTS.

Messrs. Osborne, Bolz, Seiferman, Diaz, Newton and Russ voted in favor of the motion.

Messrs. Bascom, Philhower, O'Keefe and Ms. Francis voted in opposition.

Mr. Eriksen abstained from voting.

ZONING AND SUBDIVISION REFERRALS

Copies of the "Midstate Zoning and Subdivision Referral" forms #001-005 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 CROMWELL PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE PROPOSED ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO PERMIT STORAGE TANKS AND ANCILLARY PUMPING EQUIPMENT AND VARIOUS ANCILLARY STRUCTURES BY SPECIAL PERMIT IN THE FLOOD PLAIN DISTRICT IS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE ZONING REGULATIONS IN THE ABUTTING MIDSTATE MUNICIPALITIES PROVIDED SUCH STRUCTURES COMPLY WITH THE CURRENT FLOOD HAZARD REGULATIONS AND POLLUTION PROTECTION STANDARDS.

Referral #002 – Upon motion of Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Seiferman, it was unanimously voted to:

NOTIFY THE CROMWELL PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PERMIT "WELCOME TO CROMWELL" SIGNS IN ALL ZONES IS NOT OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.

Referrals #003 – Upon motion of Mr. Bolz, seconded by Mr. Osborne, it was unanimously voted to:

NOTIFY THE CROMWELL PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO EXEMPT GASOLINE FILLING STATIONS OF LESS THAN 100 SQ.FT. RELATED TO A SHOPPING CENTER WITH A PRINCIPAL BUILDING OF NOT LESS THAN 60,000 SQ. FT. FROM THE 1,500 SQ. FT. SEPARATION REQUIREMENT BETWEEN FILLING STATIONS IS NOT OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.

Referrals #004 – Upon motion of Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Osborne, it was voted to:

NOTIFY THE DURHAM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE PROPOSED GASTLER/PATTERSON SUBDIVISION ABUTTING THE DURHAM/MIDDLEFIELD MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ANY NEGATIVE INTER-MUNICIPAL IMPACTS.

Mr. Eriksen Abstained from voting.

Referrals #005 – Upon motion of Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Seiferman, it was unanimously voted to:

NOTIFY THE SALEM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PERMIT AN INCREASE IN IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE VIA A WAIVER IN THE ARD ZONE FROM 15% TO 20% IF THE PROJECT MEETS CERTAIN STANDARDS TO OFFSET THE INCREASED COVERAGE WILL NOT HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE ABUTTING MIDSTATE MUNICIPALITY.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Newton nominated the existing slate of officers for the 2009-2010 term of office for the Midstate Regional Planning Agency.

Chairman - Richard Eriksen, Durham
Vice-Chairman - C. Joseph Seiferman, Portland
Secretary/Treasurer - W. Lee Osborne, Middletown

Mr. Newton asked if there were other nominations at this time. There being none the nominations were closed.

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

CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

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

ELECT THE EXISTING SLATE OF OFFICERS.

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There were no items at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey L. Colegrove
for William Lee Osborne