

MIDSTATE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

DATE: April 28, 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 Phillhower \*  
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 \*  
Mark Walter, First Selectman Town of East Haddam \*

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

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\* Designates present

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7, 2009 MEETING.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

No one spoke at this time.

**2007-2011 TIP AMENDMENT #52 – STATEWIDE BUS REPLACEMENTS AND UPGRADES**

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

APPROVE THE 2007-2011 TIP AMENDMENT #52 –  
STATEWIDE BUS REPLACEMENTS AND UPGRADES.

**2007-2011 TIP AMENDMENT #53 – STATEWIDE PARK AND RIDE LOT IMPROVEMENTS**

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

APPROVE THE 2007-2011 TIP AMENDMENT #53 –  
STATEWIDE PARK AND RIDE LOT IMPROVEMENTS.

**2007-2011 TIP AMENDMENT #54 – DISTRICTS 1 AND 2 INSTALLATION OF PAVEMENT MARKINGS**

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

APPROVE THE 2007-2011 TIP AMENDMENT #54 –  
DISTRICTS 1 AND 2 INSTALLATION OF PAVEMENT  
MARKINGS.

**2007-2011 TIP AMENDMENT #55 – EAST HADDAM CULVERT REPAIR**

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

APPROVE THE 2007-2011 TIP AMENDMENT #55 – EAST HADDAM CULVERT REPAIR.

**AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION**

MRPA is one of seven MPO's in the CT portion of the NY-NJ-CT PM 2.5 and Ozone Nonattainment Area. A non-exempt project has been added to South Central Regional Council of Government's TIP and STIP. It is the Shoreline East Supplemental Parking Project in Branford using ARRA funds. This project was reviewed by ConnDoT, FTA, and EPA and it was determined the project will not impact the existing Air Quality Conformity from 2007; therefore the existing determination is still applicable.

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

APPROVE THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION.

**REVIEW OF ARRA PROJECT SUBMITTALS**

All towns in the region submitted ARRA pavement preservation projects close to their target funding levels. The projects were reviewed and approved by the Agency. They will be forward to ConnDoT for approval and are anticipated to begin this summer.

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

APPROVE THE ARRA PAVEMENT PRESERVATION/  
REHABILITATION PROJECTS AS SUBMITTED.

**APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

Mr. Colegrove reported that the current auditor, Carlin, Charron, and Rosen, LLP do an excellent job and recommend that they be appointed for another year.

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

APPOINT THE FIRM OF CARLIN, CHARRON AND ROSEN,  
LLP TO CONDUCT THE 2008 AUDIT FOR THE FISCAL  
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009.

### **ZONING AND SUBDIVISION REFERRALS**

Copies of the "Midstate Zoning and Subdivision Referral" forms #001-002 were distributed to the members. The referrals were presented by staff and discussed. The following action was taken.

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

NOTIFY THE BERLIN PLANNING AND ZONING  
COMMISSION THAT THE PROPOSED ZONING TEXT  
AMENDMENT TO PERMIT EMERGENCY RESPONSE  
POWER GENERATION EQUIPMENT SERVICE VEHICLES  
AND TRUCKS NOT EXCEEDING 26,000 POUNDS GROSS  
WEIGHT IN ITS RESIDENTIAL R86, R43, R21, AND R15  
ZONES AS AN ACCESSORY USE IS NOT OF REGIONAL  
SIGNIFICANCE.

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

NOTIFY THE EAST HADDAM PLANNING AND ZONING  
COMMISSION THAT THE PROPOSAL TO REWRITE AND  
EXPAND SECTION 25 OF THE ZONING REGULATIONS  
REGULATING JUNK IS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE  
ADOPTED ZONING REGULATIONS IN THE ABUTTING  
MIDSTATE MUNICIPALITIES.

#### **East Haddam Referral -**

The East Haddam First Selectman has requested that the application of the Goodspeed Opera House Foundation, Inc. pending before the Inland Wetlands Commission be reviewed and comments be offered. Mr. Mark Walter, First Selectman and Melissa Ziobron, Economic Development Coordinator were present to explain the project and drawings of "The Village" and "The Homestead" revised to 3/24/09 and 2/11/09, along

with the “Supplemental” to the application for permit were submitted for review. Goodspeed is a significant employer and helps support businesses in the East Haddam/Haddam area as well as positively impacting Middlesex County. The Agency concluded that approval of the application would assure that Goodspeed remain economically competitive and thus strengthen East Haddam’s economy as well as the Region’s.

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

APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT OF THE GOODSPEED  
OPERA HOUSING PROJECT IN EAST HADDAM BE  
SUBMITTED TO THE INLAND WETLANDS AND  
WATERCOURSES COMMISSION CHAIRMAN.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

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