

MIDSTATE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

DATE: May 3, 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  
John Weichsel

HADDAM Stasia DeMichele  
Raul deBrigard \* (7:37)  
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 \*

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\* 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. Newton, 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. Newton, it was unanimously voted to:

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2011 MEETING.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

No one spoke at this time.

**ENDORSE 2011-2040 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

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

ENDORSE THE 2011-2040 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION  
PLAN.

**ENDORSE MARCH 2011 OZONE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY  
DETERMINATION**

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

ENDORSE THE MARCH 2011 OZONE AIR QUALITY  
CONFORMITY DETERMINATION.

## **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, discussed, and the following action was taken.

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

NOTIFY THE EAST HAMPTON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE GROWTH PRINCIPLES ENUMERATED IN THE CURRENT STATE PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND WITH THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE MIDSTATE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GUIDE AND RECOMMENDS ADOPTION.

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

NOTIFY THE EAST HAMPTON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO SECTION 21 "PARKING REQUIREMENTS" SHOULD BE ADOPTED BECAUSE OF THEIR POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Mr. Colegrove distributed copies of a letter and memo sent to the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management Secretary Benjamin Barnes from the Midstate RPA and CT River Estuary RPA dated April 5, 2011. The materials discussed the history between the two RPAs and the towns they encompass.

The current legislation calls for the consolidation of smaller RPAs into larger ones in the state. Midstate and CT River Estuary are considered small RPA's with 8 and 9 towns, respectively. Mr. Colegrove discussed that the subcommittee has been meetings with the Connecticut River Valley Council of Elected Officials Chairman. A general discussion of the proposed merger continued.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey L. Colegrove  
for William Lee Osborne