

MIDSTATE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY  
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: September 1, 2009

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

MEMBERS: CROMWELL Al Diaz \*  
Richard Newton \*  
Jeremy Shingleton

DURHAM Laura Francis \*  
Richard Eriksen \*

EAST HADDAM Melissa Ziobron  
Mark Walter  
Vacancy

EAST HAMPTON Mark Philhower \*  
Andrew Tierney  
Jeffery O'Keefe

HADDAM Stasia DeMichele  
Raul deBrigard  
Tony Bondi

MIDDLEFIELD David Lowry \*  
Jerry Russ \*  
Jon Brayshaw

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

PORTLAND C. Joseph Seiferman \*  
Donald Bascom  
Susan Bransfield \*

STAFF: Geoffrey Colegrove, Executive Director \*  
Robert Haramut, Transportation Planner \*

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\* Designates present

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GUESTS: Joel Rinebold, Director, Energy Initiatives, CT Center for Advanced Technology  
Tom Drejer, Energy Specialist, CT Center for Advanced Technology

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 p.m. by Chairman Eriksen.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2009 SPECIAL MEETING.

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

No one spoke at this time.

### **PRESENTATION BY JOEL RINEBOLD AND TOM DREJER, CT CENTER FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY, DISCUSSION OF FUEL CELLS FOR MUNICIPALITIES**

The presentation provided an overview to aid municipalities in identifying high value opportunities and funding for the use of fuel cells and hydrogen technologies. The Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, Inc., (CCAT) provides no cost services and resources to municipalities through the State of Connecticut and U.S. Department of Energy funding including an online resource center and technical assistance for the identification of high value sites for this technology.

CCAT works with municipalities to undertake a technical and economic/financial analysis to determine the most appropriate technology and the potential return on investment for fuel cell applications at municipal sites. These sites include local government buildings, wastewater treatment facilities, schools, businesses, industrial parks and enterprise zones/improvement districts.

### **ZONING AND SUBDIVISION REFERRALS**

Copies of the "Midstate Zoning and Subdivision Referral" forms #001-003 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 CROMWELL PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE PROPOSED ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE LANDSCAPING REGULATIONS IS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE ZONING REGULATIONS IN THE ABUTTING MIDSTATE MUNICIPALITIES.

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

NOTIFY THE PORTLAND PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE PROPOSAL TO DELETE THE EXISTING SECTION 9.6 “HOME OCCUPATION” AND REPLACE WITH A NEW SECTION 9.6 “HOME-BASED BUSINESSES” IS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE EXISTING ZONING IN THE ABUTTING MIDSTATE MUNICIPALITIES.

Referral #003 – Upon motion of Mr. Bolz, seconded by Ms. Francis, it was unanimously voted to:

NOTIFY THE GLASTONBURY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTION 8-26b OF THE *CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES* REGARDING THE PROPOSED “BEACON WOODS”, TWO LOT SUBDIVISION HAS BEEN FULFILLED AND THAT THEY MAY PROCEED WITH THE LAND USE APPROVAL PROCESS.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Mr. Haramut updated the Agency members on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey L. Colegrove  
for William Lee Osborne