

MIDSTATE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: October 7, 2008

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 Vacancy
Andrew Tierney

HADDAM Stasia DeMichele *
Raul deBrigard

MIDDLEFIELD David Lowry
William Waff

MIDDLETOWN W. Lee Osborne *
Catherine Johnson *
Carl Bolz

PORTLAND C. Joseph Seiferman *
Vacancy

STAFF: Geoffrey Colegrove, Executive Director *
Robert Haramut, Transportation Planner *
Grayson Wright, CT Department of Transportation

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Chairman Eriksen.

* Designates present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2008 MEETING.

Ms. Francis and Ms. Ziobron abstained from voting.

PUBLIC SESSION

No one spoke at this time.

2007-2011 TIP AMENDMENT #45 –MIDDLETOWN TRANSIT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE CAPTIAL

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

APPROVE THE 2007-2011 TIP AMENDMENT #45 –MIDDLETOWN TRANSIT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE CAPTIAL.

ZONING, SUBDIVISION, AND PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT REFERRALS

Copies of the "Midstate Zoning, Subdivision, and Plan of Conservation and Development Referral" forms #001-004 were distributed to the members. The referrals were presented by staff and discussed. The following action was taken.

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

NOTIFY THE MADISON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE AGENCY VOTED THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 2.17, 25 AND 13 (COASTAL ZONE REGULATIONS) AND NEW SECTION 13.4 ARE NOT OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.

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

NOTIFY THE CROMWELL PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE AGENCY VOTED THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT TO DESIGNATE LAND ON A PARCEL IN EXCESS OF THE MINIMUM LOT SIZE FOR ITS ZONING CLASSIFICATION AS OPEN SPACE LAND AND WOULD BE TAXED ON ITS USE VALUE IS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAND USE POLICIES IN THE ABUTTING MIDSTATE MUNICIPALITIES.

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

NOTIFY THE EAST HAMPTON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE AGENCY VOTED THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE POTENTIAL FUTURE SEWER SERVICE AREAS MAP ADDS SOME AREAS PREVIOUSLY NOT SHOWN FOR SEWER SERVICE, HOWEVER IN TERMS OF THE TOTAL AREA THE MAP IS RELATIVELY UNCHANGED. ANOTHER CHANGE IS FOR THE MODIFICATION UNDER RESIDENTIAL GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES, CALLS FOR THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER SPECIAL USE PERMITS FOR CONVENTIONAL SUBDIVISION. PRIOR TO MODIFYING ZONING AND/OR SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, THE COMMISSION SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR ATTORNEY REGARDING A RECENT CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT DECISION STRIKING DOWN A WINDSOR PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR SUBDIVISIONS IN EXCESS OF THIRTY LOTS. THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS DO NOT NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE REGION AND THE AGENCY RECOMMENDED ITS ADOPTION.

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

NOTIFY THE NORTH BRANFORD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE AGENCY VOTED THAT THE PROPOSAL TO PERMIT DOMESTIC ANIMAL DAYCARE BY SITE PLAN REVIEW, WITH SPECIAL STANDARDS, IN SOME COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES IS NOT OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Osborne spoke of a renewed interest in studying the feasibility of opening up the Hartford to Old Saybrook rail line. P&W Railroad is currently running freight operations in the northern segment of this line and Valley Railroad is running a tourist operation in the southern segment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey L. Colegrove
for William Lee Osborne