

MIDSTATE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

DATE: December 1, 2009

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
Jeffery O'Keefe

HADDAM Stasia DeMichele *
Raul deBrigard
Paul DeStefano *

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 *
Grayson Wright, CT Department of Transportation *

* Designates present

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2009
MEETING.

PUBLIC SESSION

No one spoke at this time.

RE-ALLOCATION OF \$420 OF ARRA FUNDS

ConnDoT has partnered with seven freight rail operators in the state to apply for ARRA TIGER discretionary grant funding. Two of these applications (P&W Railroad and Valley Railroad) are partially within the Midstate Region. The applications were passed out to the board members and additional information such as time frames for grant approval, engineering, construction and public participation will be discussed at a later date. Agency board representatives from Haddam stated they are opposed to the extension of freight rail through their town.

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

APPROVE THE RE-ALLOCATION OF \$420 OF ARRA FUNDS
TO THE TOWN OF EAST HADDAM.

ZONING AND SUBDIVISION REFERRALS

Copies of the "Midstate Zoning and Subdivision Referral" form #001 was distributed to the members. The referral was presented by staff and discussed. The following action was taken.

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

NOTIFY THE MERIDEN CITY COUNCIL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING AND ZONING COMMITTEE THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR SINGLE AND TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT LOT AND BULK REQUIREMENTS, YARDS, GRADING AND DRIVEWAYS IS NOT OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.

ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

Mr. Colegrove discussed Table I “Past Municipal Contributions” and Table II “Alternative Assessment Analysis Fiscal Year 2011.

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

APPROVE THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES FOR 2010-2011 AT \$.66/CAPITA BASED ON THE JULY 2007 CENSUS ESTIMATES OF POPULATIONS.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY UPDATE

Mr. Colegrove discussed the table showing the number of cars and households participating in the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days for 2005-2009. The collection was successfully again this year. New contracts for the 2010 collection will be sent to the towns for signing in February. Agency members from the towns of Haddam and East Haddam requested copies of the contract and collection schedule to review.

APPROVAL OF 2010 MEETING DATES

The proposed 2010 Agency meeting dates were distributed and discussed.

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

APPROVE THE MIDSTATE REGIONAL PLANNING
AGENCY'S 2010 MEETING DATES AS PRESENTED.

MISCELLANEOUS

There were no items at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey L. Colegrove
for William Lee Osborne