

MIDSTATE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: December 2, 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 *

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. Osborne, it was unanimously voted to:

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2008 MEETING.

PUBLIC SESSION

No one spoke at this time.

ZONING AND SUBDIVISION REFERRALS

Copies of the "Midstate Zoning and Subdivision Referral" forms #001-005 were distributed to the members. The referrals were presented by staff and discussed. The following action was taken.

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

NOTIFY THE MERIDEN CITY COUNCIL THAT THE PROPOSED ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF “PET MORTUARY AND DISPOSAL FACILITY” IS NOT OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.

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

NOTIFY THE MIDDLEFIELD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE AGENCY VOTED THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SUBSECTION 08.02.03. “RECONSTRUCTION OF NON-CONFORMING BUILDINGS” IS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE ZONING IN THE ABUTTING MIDSTATE MUNICIPALITIES.

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

NOTIFY THE MIDDLEFIELD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE AGENCY VOTED THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ADD NEW SUBSECTION 08.02.03.02. “REDEVELOPMENT OF LOTS WITH MULTIPLE NON-CONFORMING DWELLING UNITS” IS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE ZONING IN THE ABUTTING MIDSTATE MUNICIPALITIES.

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

NOTIFY THE HADDAM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE AGENCY VOTED THAT THE PROPOSED ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO REMOVE OUTDOOR PROPANE TANKS FROM THE DEFINITION OF STRUCTURE AND A RE-WRITE OF THE FENCE REGULATIONS ARE NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE ZONING REGULATIONS IN THE ABUTTING MIDSTATE MUNICIPALITIES. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION CONSIDER REGULATIONS RESTRICTING THE USE OF BERMS TO INCREASE THE HEIGHT OF A FENCE AND THAT FENCES IN THE FRONT YARD BE “TRANSPARENT”.

Mr. Diaz and Ms. DeMichele abstained from voting.

Referrals #005 – Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Newton, it was unanimously voted to:

NOTIFY THE KILLINGWORTH PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION THAT THE AGENCY VOTED THAT THE PROPOSED ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS FOR OUTDOOR WOOD-BURNING FURNACES AND A NEW SECTION FOR RETIREMENT HOUSING SUBDIVISIONS ARE NOT OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE. THE AGENCY RECOMMENDS THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD CONSIDER REQUIRING THAT ONLY OUTDOOR WOOD-BURNING FURNACES, WHICH HAVE TO BE CERTIFIED (ORANGE TAG) UNDER THE VOLUNTARY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH E.P.A., BE PERMITTED.

APPROVAL OF 2009 MEETING DATES

The proposed 2009 Agency meeting dates were distributed and discussed. The members were concerned that no meeting be scheduled on a religious holiday. After discussed it was decided that if a meeting was scheduled on a holiday that meeting would be cancelled.

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

APPROVE, CONDITIONAL THAT NO MEETING IS SCHEDULED ON A RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY, THE MIDSTATE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY'S 2009 MEETING DATES AS PRESENTED.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY UPDATE

Mr. Colegrove discussed the table showing the number of households participating in the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days for 2004-2008. The collection was successfully again this year. New contracts for the 2009 collections will be sent to the towns for signing in February.

ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

Mr. Colegrove discussed Table II "Alternative Assessment Analysis Fiscal Year 2010".

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

APPROVE THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES FOR 2009-2010 AT \$.66/CAPITA BASED ON THE JULY 1, 2007 CENSUS ESTIMATES OF POPULATIONS.

MISCELLANEOUS

There were no items at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey L. Colegrove
for William Lee Osborne