

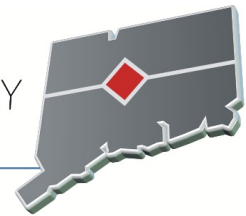
# CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

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## REGULAR AGENCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

7:30 P.M. Thursday, February 4, 2010 ; CCRPA 225 N. Main St. Ste 304, Bristol, CT

- I. Call to order, report of excused absences, determination of quorum (representation from four municipalities) - the meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 PM with the following members in attendance except where noted:

	Chief Elected Official Designee (PFP)	PC Representative (CPC)	Town Council Rep. (populations over 50,000 only)
Berlin	Bart Bovee	Dennis Kern, Treasurer	
Bristol	John Pompei, Vice Chair, excused absent	Donald Padlo	Tim Furey
Burlington	Peter McBrien	Paul Rachielles	
New Britain	Donald Naples, Secretary	Steven P. Schiller	Craig Diangelo
Plainville*	David Dudek, Chair	Jennifer Bartiss-Earley, excused absent	
Plymouth	Stephen Mindera	Carl Johnson	
Southington	Joseph Krajewski	Rudy Cabata	Paul Bedard, excused absent

Also attending were Mayor Tim Steward (New Britain); Mayor Art Ward (Bristol), along with ConnDOT staff Commissioner, Joseph Marie.; Deputy Commissioner, Jeff Parker; Policy & Planning's Bureau Chief, Tom Maziarz; Public Transportation Bureau Chief, James Redeker; and Manager of Transit & Ridesharing, Mike Sanders; and members of the public and media.

- II. Welcome new Board members Bart Bovee and Tim Furey - Chairman David Dudek introduced and welcomed Mr. Bart Bovee and Mr. Tim Furey
- III. Service Recognition - a service recognition was awarded to Morgan Seeyle for his dedicated service to the Board
- IV. Comments from the public - no comments made.
- V. Special Presentation - Waterbury to New Britain Railway Options - Michael Nicastro, Greater Bristol Chamber of Commerce and Peter Lynch, author of New Haven Railroad, spoke to the Board about various future options for commuter and freight rail service between Waterbury and Berlin, and beyond in either direction and estimated costs associated with them.
- VI. Action Items
- A. Receive the December 2009 Financial Report and file for Audit  
MOTION: Peter McBrien moved to accept and file the December 2009 Financial Report; seconded by Stephen Mindera; passed unanimously.
- B. Approve January 7, 2010, Regular meeting minutes  
MOTION: Stephen Mindera moved to approve the January 7, 2010 minutes as presented; seconded by Peter McBrien; passed unanimously.
- C. Standing Committee Reports
1. Program, Finance, and Personnel (PFP) Committee  
Temporary Chairman, Stephen Mindera, reported that the PFP Committee considered the following items:
    - a. Budget Amendment: Travel In State/Meetings/Forums  
The staff had recommended taking \$3,000 from the Contingency and add it to the In-State travel line but several PFP members noted that there were other related lines that appeared to have excess funds. The PFP recommended taking \$1,500 from Conferences, and \$1,500 from Training and move those amounts into InState Travel.  
MOTION: Donald Naples moved to approve a re-allocation of funds taking \$1,500 each from the Conferences and Training/Workshops/Seminars lines and moving the total into Travel in State/Meetings/Forums to bring the budgeted amount in that line

- to \$11,000.00; seconded by Tim Furey; passed unanimously.
- b. Authorization for the Executive Director to sign a letter of agreement with the UCONN Center for Real Estate to complete certain tasks involved in preparing an Incentive Housing Zone Study for the City of Bristol  
 MOTION: Peter McBrien moved to authorize the Executive Director to sign the letter of agreement (or a substantially similar modified version of it) with the Connecticut Center for Real Estate for the completion of an IHZ study for the City of Bristol; seconded by Donald Naples; passed unanimously.
  - c. Other - Stephen Mindera reported that the PFP considered the matter of authorization of the continuation of the salary increases granted for the Regional Planners and Transportation Assistant on December 3, 2009, thru the rest of the FY2009-2010 (until June 30, 2010) and tabled that item to the March meeting.
2. Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC) (No action required on referrals if all decisions were unanimous; see CPC agenda for item listings) - Donald Padlo, Chairman, reported that all actions had been taken unanimously.
  3. Transportation Improvement Committee - Authorization for the Executive Director to sign a ConnDOT initiated "Action" related to the New Britain-Hartford Bus Rapid Transit Project (will include a presentation by staff of the Connecticut Department of Transportation regarding the status of the New Britain-Hartford Bus Rapid Transit Project).  
 Various ConnDOT staff members were invited to present information regarding the New Britain-Hartford Bus Rapid Transit Project. In addition others commented about the project, including in approximate order: Jeff Merrow, Art Helfgott, David Mills, Robert E. Lee, Mark Moriarty, Bristol Mayor Art Ward, Mike Nicastro, Mayor Tim Stewart, and Bob Blake.  
 MOTION: Tim Furey moved to table action on this item until the March meeting; seconded by Don Padlo; motion failed ( Bart Bovee, Dennis Kern, Peter McBrien, Paul Rachielles, Donald Naples, Steven P. Schiller, Craig Diangelo, David Dudek, Stephen Mindera, Carl Johnson, Joseph Krajewski, and Rudy Cabata opposed)  
 MOTION: Dennis Kern moved to authorize the Executive Director to sign a ConnDOT initiated "Action" related to the New Britain-Hartford Bus Rapid Transit; seconded by Donald Naples; passed (Don Padlo and Tim Furey opposed).
- D. Confirmation of appointment of Bart Bovee to the PFP Committee, and the appointment of a new Chair for the PFP  
 MOTION: Dennis Kern moved to confirm the appointment of Bart Bovee to the PFP Committee, and Steven Mindera as PFP Chair; seconded by Peter McBrien; passed unanimously.
- VII. Information - none
- VIII. Adjournment was declared at approximately 10:45 PM

Respectfully submitted, Cheri Bouchard-Duquette