



REGULAR AGENCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

7:30 P.M. Thursday, March 3, 2011 ; CCRPA 225 N. Main St. Ste 304, Bristol, CT

- I. Call to order & roll call (report of noted absences & declaration of quorum - 4 towns)-the meeting was call to order at approximately 7:30 PM with the following members in attendance except as other wise noted:

| | Chief Elected Official Rep. | Planning Commission Rep. | Council Rep. (Towns >50,000) |
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| Berlin | Bart Bovee | Dennis Kern, Vice Chair | ~ |
| Bristol | John Pompei, Chair | Donald Padlo | Tim Furey |
| Burlington | Peter McBrien | Paul Rachielles | ~ |
| New Britain | Donald Naples, Secretary | Steven P. Schiller | Craig Diangelo, noted absence |
| Plainville | vacant | Jennifer Bartiss-Earley, noted absence | ~ |
| Plymouth | Stephen Mindera | Carl Johnson | ~ |
| Southington | Brian Callahan, noted absence | Rudy Cabata, Treas. | Paul Bedard, absent |

- II. Comments from the public regarding items not on the agenda - none

III. Presentations

A. State Comptroller Kevin Lembo - Comptroller's Functions/Goals

Mr. Lembo introduced his Deputy, Ms. Michelle Gilman, and discussed some of the functions of the Office of the State Comptroller. He referred to two flyers which he brought with him regarding the State's "Electronic Fun Transfer (EFT) Initiative and The CT Prescription Partnership, and strongly encouraged the towns to consider participating them in. It was noted that CCRPA is currently utilizing the EFT system.

B. Affordable Housing, David Fink, Policy Director, Partnership for Strong Communities

Mr. Fink referred to a flyer prepared by his agency regarding the HOPE-sponsored Regional Housing Forums they were working to set up. He encouraged the Board to consider suggesting a date, time, and location for a forum in this Region

IV. Action Items

A. Receive the January 2011 Financial Report and file for Audit

MOTION: Tim Furey moved to accept the January 2011 Financial Report and file for Audit; seconded by Stephen Mindera; passed unanimously

B. Approve February 3, 2011, meeting minutes

MOTION: Stephen Mindera moved to accept the February 3, 2011 minutes as presented; seconded by Peter McBrien; passed with Dennis Kern abstaining

C. Standing Committee Reports

1. Program, Finance, and Personnel (PFP) Committee - no meeting held

2. Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC) - Chairman Donald Padlo reported that all

items were voted "no conflict" except for a New Britain proposal to change the zoning of certain properties, on the north side of Osgood Avenue, in the vicinity of 755 Osgood Avenue, from S-3 (Single Family) to TPC (Technology Park Commercial). Members of the Board briskly discussed the issue of including properties whose owners (lots 749, 743, and 747) did not participate in the request. They also discussed the general appropriateness of the new zoning in that part of the City and Region.

MOTION: Dennis Kern moved to find the proposed Zoning Amendment "in conflict" with the Region's Plan of Conservation and Development and noted that there was a wide variety of opinion among the Board members regarding the proposal: Some feeling that it was not in conflict, but that it was offensive to include the three homes unless their owners concurred; others concerned that the three homes would become non-conforming and potentially have difficulty with future financing; and others feeling that including the three homes unreasonably extended the commercial zone into the residential area; seconded by Donald Padlo; passed with Steven Schiller

abstaining and Rudy Cabata in opposition.

MOTION: Tim Furey moved to direct the Executive Director to provide explanatory notes to accompany the notice of decision on this proposed zone change to advise the New Britain Planning Commission that there was extensive discussion by the Agency Board about the proposal and that their concerns focused around the issues noted in the main motion on the matter; seconded by Stephen Mindera; passed unanimously.

3. Transportation Improvement Committee - nothing to report.

4. Legislative Committee - meeting failed to achieve a quorum.

D. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transportation Special Advisory Committee Bylaws and Membership

The Executive Director advised that the Agency's past practice had been to submit appeals of administrative decisions to suspend Paratransit services to an individual to the Executive Director. He advised that the Federal Transit Administration had told the Agency to change that procedure to allow a separate, semi-independent committee to receive and dispose of such appeals and for that reason this new Special Committee was being proposed. Various minor revisions to the proposed BYLAWS for the Committee were discussed.

MOTION: Tim Furey moved to approve the ADA Transportation Special Advisory Committee Bylaws as revised during the discussion, and to appointment of the current ad hoc committee members (Bristol, Art Helfgott,* Rob Newton, Gary Allen; New Britain, Mike Karwan;* Plainville, Rob Palaski, Shawn Cohen;* ex officio, John Pompei [* indicates a service provider]) as the members of the new Committee; seconded by Peter McBrien; passed unanimously

V. Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director distributed a brief memo and referred to it as he reported on the status of the New Britain-Hartford Busway, and improvements to the rail line between Waterbury and Berlin.

VI. Information - The Executive Director briefly described the 3-Region Sustainable Communities Initiative Federally grant-funded \$4.2M project and its relation to the Central Connecticut Region - one of the three Regions involved in the project. He advised that the FY2011-2012 Agency Budget would be recommending the addition of a staff planner to do the work involved with this project which will provide up to \$100,000 to the Region over the next three years.

VII. Adjournment - was declared at approximately 8:40PM

Respectfully submitted: Cheri Bouchard-Duquette