



REGULAR AGENCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

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- I. Call to order & roll call (report of excused absences & declaration of quorum - 4 towns) - the meeting was called to order at approximately 7:45PM with the following members in attendance except as other wise noted:

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

- II. Comments from the public regarding items not on the agenda- none
- III. Presentation - New Haven/Hartford/Springfield Rail Status Report, John Bernick, Project Manager, CT Department of Transportation
 Mr. Bernick distributed an informational flyer about the project and advised the Board of the project website at www.nhhsrail.com; he also presented a PowerPoint document which he discussed with the Board briefly. He answered questions from Board members and invited them to submit additional questions thru the web site.
- IV. PUBLIC HEARING - Air Quality Conformity determination - New Haven: TIGER grant for improvements on Rt. 34. - Chairman John Pompei, officially opened the public hearing at 8:22PM with Francis Pickering, Senior Planner of CCRPA giving a brief description. With no comments from the public the hearing was officially closed at 8:28PM.
- V. Action Items
- A. Receive the February 2011 Financial Report and file for Audit
 MOTION: Donald Padlo moved to accept the February 2011 Financial Report and file it for Audit; seconded by Peter McBrien; passed unanimously
- B. Approve March 3, 2011, meeting minutes
 MOTION: Stephen Mindera moved to accept the March 3, 2011 meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Peter McBrien; passed with Jennifer Bartiss-Earley abstaining
- C. Standing Committee Reports
1. Program, Finance, and Personnel (PFP) Committee
- a. Amendment to the FY2010-2011 Budget - Training
 MOTION: Donald Padlo moved to amend the FY 2010-2011 Agency Budget to move \$6,000 from the "Equipment" to the "Training" line; seconded by Dennis Kern; passed unanimously
- b. Amendment to the Personnel Policy
- (1) Adding Assistant Planner Classification Description
 MOTION: Brian Callahan moved to add the attached Assistant Planner Classification Description to the Personnel Policy; seconded by Peter McBrien; passed unanimously
- (2) Adding "and covered dependents" to the Section of the Policy regarding employees who opt for Medicare coverage
 Stephan Minder, Chairman of the PFP, reported that this item was tabled for the May 5, 2011 meeting.
2. Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC) (No action required on referrals if all decisions were unanimous; see CPC agenda for item listings) - Chairman Donald Padlo reported that all proposals were found not in conflict and voted unanimously.

3. Transportation Improvement Committee

a. Resolution # 20110407 on Conformity with the Clean Air Act for Ozone
MOTION: Peter McBrien moved to approve Resolution #20110407 on Conformity with the Clean Air Act for Ozone; seconded by Stephen Mindera; passed unanimously

b. STIP/TIP amendment to approve statewide projects 170-3067 and 170-3068 (Installation of rumble strips on expressways).
MOTION: Dennis Kern moved to approve the STIP/TIP amendment to approve statewide projects 170-3067 and 170-3068 (Installation of rumble strips on expressways); seconded by Peter McBrien; passed unanimously

c. STIP/TIP amendment to approve District 1 project 171-304 (Upgrade and replacement of highway signs on I-84)
MOTION: Stephen Mindera moved to approve the STIP/TIP amendment to approve District 1 project 171-304 (Upgrade and replacement of highway signs on I-84); seconded by Peter McBrien; passed unanimously

d. STIP/TIP amendments for new Statewide Projects 170-3062 and 170-3063
MOTION: Peter McBrien moved to approve the STIP/TIP amendments for new Statewide Projects 170-3062 and 170-3063; seconded by Stephen Mindera; passed unanimously

4. Legislative Committee - Acting Chair Stephen Mindera invited the Executive Director to give a brief overview of the meeting discussion, which he did.

D. Confirmation of appointment of the Nominating Committee

MOTION: Donald Padlo moved to confirm the appointment of the members of the PFP to serve as the Nominating Committee; seconded by Paul Rachielle; passed unanimously.

E. Suggestions for a date, time, and location for a HOPE-sponsored Regional Realtors' Housing Forum, as requested by the Connecticut Partnership for Strong Communities

MOTION: Stephen Mindera moved to endorse the staff recommendation for a 5:30 PM dinner meeting on June 29th at a location such as the ITBD at CCSU in New Britain; seconded by Peter McBrien; passed unanimously

F. Endorsement of Town of Plainville - 2011 Small Cities Grant Application

MOTION: Stephen Mindera moved to endorse the Town of Plainville's application to the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development to obtain a \$300,000 2011 Small Cities Grant; seconded by Paul Rachielle; passed unanimously

VI. Executive Director's Report - The Executive Director briefly reported on the Governor's recently announced support for the New Britain-Hartford Bus Rapid Transit Project, and his commitment to include \$1 million on the next Bond Commission meeting agenda to fund an alternatives analysis for commuter rail service from Waterbury thru Bristol to Hartford.

VII. Information - It was noted that the Nominating Committee will meet at 6:25PM on May 5, 2011, immediately preceding the PFP meeting.

VIII. Adjournment was declared at approximately 8:50PM

Respectfully submitted: Cheri Bouchard-Duquette, Office Mgr./Bookkeeper