



REGULAR AGENCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

7:30 P.M. Thursday, March 1, 2012 ; CCRPA 225 N. Main St. Ste 304, Bristol, CT

- I. Call to order & roll call (report of excused absences & declaration of quorum - 4 towns) - the meeting was called to order at approximately 7:49PM by Vice Chair Dennis Kern with the following members were in attendance, except as otherwise noted:

	Chief Elected Official Rep.	Planning Commission Rep.	Council Rep. (Towns >50,000)
Berlin	Bart Bovee, noted absence	Dennis Kern, Vice Chair	~
Bristol	John Pompei, Chair, noted absence	Donald Padlo, absent	Rosie O'Brien Vojtek
Burlington	Peter McBrien	Paul Rachielles, noted absence	~
New Britain	Donald Naples, Sec. , noted absence	Steven P. Schiller	Marie Lausch, noted absence
Plainville	James Cassidy, noted absence	Jennifer Bartiss-Earley	~
Plymouth	Stephen Mindera	Carl Johnson, noted absence	~
Southington	John Barry, absent	Rudy Cabata, Treas.	James "Rusty" Haigh

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

A. Planning Program Project Review & Google Transit - Francis Pickering, Senior Planner
 Mr. Pickering distributed a table of pending project grant applications and projects completed in the recent past. He noted that in approximately two years the Agency has brought in, or co-sponsored, more than \$8,500,000 in federal, state and other grants, more than twice the entire Agency annual budget, and nearly one hundred times the annual municipal contributions (\$88,000). He noted that there are a number of applications awaiting decisions, and that staff is constantly adding to the list by seeking new grant opportunities.

B. Walk Connecticut & New England Trail, Leslie Lewis, WalkCT.org
 Ms. Lewis distributed a map of the New England Trail and two brochures regarding the Connecticut Forests and Parks Association. She invited members of the Board to submit proposed rural and urban trails for her to integrate into the system of trails that the CCRPA currently monitors and noted how such trails can serve as economic development drivers for a community.

- IV. Action Items

A. Approve the February 2, 2012, meeting minutes

MOTION: Steven Schiller moved to approve the February 2, 2012 meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Peter McBrien; passed unanimously

B. Receive the January 2012 Financial Report and file for Audit

MOTION: Steven Schiller moved to accept and file the January 2012 Financial Report for audit; seconded by Peter McBrien; passed unanimously

C. Committee Reports

1. Program, Finance & Personnel (PFPC) - It was reported there was no quorum to hold the meeting and that the Board would need to vote on one item a without a recommendation from PFP

a. DATTCO One-year Contract Extension for Paratransit Service

MOTION: Steven Schiller moved to authorized the Executive Director to execute the attached draft one-year contract extension with DATTCO for the provision of paratransit services to the Region; seconded by James Haigh; passed unanimously

b. Other

2. Comprehensive Plan (CPC) (No action required on referrals if all decisions were unanimous; see CPC agenda for item listings) - Dennis Kern, acting Chair, reported that all actions were unanimous and no action was required

D. Resolution #20120202D Accepting the \$8,000 DEEP America the Beautiful (ATB) grant - New Britain tree planting

MOTION: Peter McBrien moved to approve Resolution #20120202D Accepting the \$8,000 DEEP America the Beautiful (ATB) Grant; seconded by James Haigh; passed unanimously

E. STIP/TIP amendment to approve Town of Plymouth project 110-134 (Plymouth Reservoir Preservation/Thomaston Dam Access)

MOTION: Peter McBrien moved to approve the amendment to the STIP/TIP for the Town of Plymouth project 110-113 (Plymouth Reservoir Preservation/Thomaston Dam Access); seconded by James Haigh; passed unanimously

F. Recommendation for appointment to the Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

MOTION: Peter McBrien moved to recommend Sr. Planner, Francis Pickering, to appointment to the Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee; seconded by Steven Schiller; passed unanimously

MOTION: Steven Schiller moved to add to the agenda Items "G" (City of New Britain CT TIGER4 - Letter of Support), and "H" (GIS Software Users Licenses); seconded by Rudy Cabata; passed unanimously

G. City of New Britain, CT TIGER4 - Letter of Support

MOTION: Steven Schiller moved to approve a letter of support for the City of New Britain, CT TIGER4 grant application to Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation, U. S. Department of Transportation; seconded by Peter McBrien; passed unanimously

H. GIS Software Users Licenses

MOTION: James Haigh moved to authorize the purchase of one addition GIS software license costing \$6,300 to be charged against the budget lines for the IT system server and traffic counters; seconded by Rudy Cabata; passed unanimously

V. Executive Director's Report - no other business

VI. Adjournment was declared at approximately 8:50PM

Respectfully submitted: Cheri Bouchard-Duquette, Office Manager and Bookkeeper