



LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
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6:30 P.M.; Thursday, January 6, 201CCRPA Offices, 225 N. Main St., Bristol, CT

1. Call to order, determination of quorum (50% of Committee Membership)- the meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30PM with the following members in attendance except as other wise noted

Berlin -	Dennis Kern	Plainville -	Jennifer Bartiss-Early
Bristol -	Tim Furey - Chair	Plymouth -	Stephen Mindera, Chair
Burlington -	Peter McBrien	Southington -	P. Bedard absent: R. Cabata sub.
New Britain -	Craig Diangelo	ex officio -	John Pompei

Also in attendance were the following Agency staff: Carl Stephani, Cheri Bouchard-Duquette, and Kristin Thomas
2. Review of Draft 2011 Legislative Agenda

It was suggested that the Agency initiate a letter to the Chairs of the member towns' Planning Commissions, Zoning Commissions, and Mayors and Town Managers inviting them to suggest legislation to advocate in support of their towns. Each Committee member described issues with which they would like to see the Committee become involved. Much interest in brownfields was described. It was noted that the Agency has already initiated legislation in support of restoring full indemnification to municipalities for public use of municipal land, in support of streamlining the planning and zoning referral process, and in support of enhancement of the Region's rail freight facilities.

MOTION: Rudy Cabata moved to authorize the Chair, with concurrence of the Agency Board Chair and Executive Director, to send a letter to the Chairs of the towns' Planning Commissions, Zoning Commissions, and Mayors and Town Managers inviting them to suggest legislation to advocate in support of their towns; seconded by Peter McBrien; passed unanimously.
3. Other business - the following informational matters were briefly discussed:
 - a. January 10 ConnDOT's pre-construction bid meeting for potential bidders on the New Britain-Hartford Busway project
 - b. January 25 annual meeting of the Greater Bristol Chambers of Commerce with the area's state legislators at the Farmington Club in Farmington, CT
4. Adjournment was declared at approximately 7:10PM.