



LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

7:00PM Thursday, February 3, 201; CCRPA Offices, 225 N. Main St., Bristol, CT
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1. Call to order, determination of quorum (50% of Committee Membership) - the meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05PM with the following members in attendance except as other wise noted:

Berlin -	Dennis Kern, excused absence	Plainville -	Jennifer Bartiss-Earley
Bristol -	Tim Furey - Chair	Plymouth -	Stephen Mindera
Burlington -	Peter McBrien , excused absence	Southington -	Paul Bedard
New Britain -	Craig Diangelo	ex officio -	John Pompei
2. Approve January 6, 2011, minutes
MOTION: Stephen Mindera moved to accept the January 6, 2011 minutes as presented; seconded by Craig Diangelo; passed unanimously
3. Brownfield Update
The Executive Director briefly reviewed his memorandum on recent Brownfields projects in the Region and noted that he had not received suggestions for changes in the Statutes regarding the treatment of brownfields.
4. Legislative Advocacy
The Chair discussed a variety of proposed statutory changes that the Agency could advocate. It was noted that HB 5178 picks up our recommendation to allow municipalities to send their regional zoning/planning referrals to their RPOs by email instead of certified mail; that Agency staff testified in support of legislation granting greater immunity to municipalities for liability related to the passive use of public open spaces. The Chair suggested the need for legislation to extend the time period allowed for filing subdivision maps; and legislation to allow fire inspections of three-family residences to be reduced from annually to every five years. There was discussion of various unfunded mandates and the need to reduce them, especially those related to schools, and the Executive Director was asked to acquire the list prepared by the Greater Bristol Chambers of Commerce relating to school mandates to see if the Agency would like to support changes to some of them. Mayor Tim Stewart and Mike Nicastro were suggested as sources of this information.
5. Other business - none raised.
6. Adjournment was declared at approximately 7:25PM