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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

6:30 P.M.; Thursday, April 7, 2011; CCRPA 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 6:40PM with the following members in attendance except as other wise noted:

Berlin -	Dennis Kern	Plainville -	Jennifer Bartiss-Earley
Bristol -	Tim Furey - Chair, noted absence	Plymouth -	Stephen Mindera
Burlington -	Peter McBrien	Southington -	Paul Bedard
New Britain -	Craig Diangelo	ex officio -	John Pompei
2. Approve February 3, 2011, minutes
MOTION: Craig Diangelo moved to accept the February 3, 2011 minutes as presented; seconded by Peter McBrien; passed unanimously
3. Legislative Advocacy
 - a. Bills introduced
 - i. Region Boundaries and Economic Development Districts - HB 5782 - The Executive Director briefly reviewed this Bill which, if passed, would require consolidation of the 15 existing Regional Planning Organizations into 8 larger ones. It is not clear whether a change in the Agency's boundaries would be required and it was recommended that this Bill continue to be monitored.
 - ii. Regional Referral Procedures - HB 5178, submission of zoning referrals by email - The Executive Director reported that this Bill has not been opposed by anyone and appears to be well on its way to passage.
 - iii. Planning process changes to reduce legal notice costs - HB 6339 - The Executive Director pointed out the report by the Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association supporting this Bill which the Agency is also on record endorsing. It is not clear how likely this Bill is to pass.
 - iv. Elimination of unfunded State Mandates on municipalities - numerous bills - the Executive Director briefly reviewed the list of bills that have been introduced by a variety of legislators on this subject.
 - b. Bills in concept
 - i. Allowing subdivision referrals by email - The Executive Director advised that, if the zoning referral bill (HB 5178) passes this year, then next year we will instigate a matching bill to allow subdivision referrals by email. Various legislators have been asked to submit a bill that would allow subdivision referrals by email this year, but the session has gotten swamped with bills and it is unlikely a subdivision bill will get introduced this year.
 - ii. Extension of deadline for filing subdivision map - no bill has yet been filed yet on this proposal.
4. Other business - no other business was raised.
5. Adjournment was declared at approximately 6:53PM.