

**Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Agency
Regular Board Meeting and Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 24, 2010 – 6:30 PM
GBRPA Conference Room
525 Water Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604**

Minutes

Members Present:

Bridgeport: Carolyn Taylor
Easton: Wallace Williams, Treasurer
Fairfield: Michael Giaquinto, Robert Greenberger
Monroe: J. P. Sredzinski
Stratford: Laurie Goodsell, Secretary; Joseph Vecsey; Edward Ward
Trumbull: Guy Rocco

Members Absent:

Bridgeport: Carmen Hatton; Anne Phillips, Vice Chairman; Jose Pires; Melville Riley
Easton: Peter Neary
Fairfield: Jill Kelly
Monroe: Raymond McPadden
Stratford: None
Trumbull: Frederick Garrity, Chairman, Anthony Chory

Staff Present: Mark Nielsen, Executive Director
Brian Bidolli, Transportation Planner
Linda Colello, Office Manager

Guests: First Selectman Stephen Vavrek, Town of Monroe

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Treasurer, Wallace Williams, called the meeting to order.

Having no business to come before the Executive Committee, Mr. Williams opened the February 24, 2010 Regular Board Meeting.

Mr. Williams welcomed Mr. Vavrek and invited him to address the Board.

I. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Rocco noted the inclusion of Mr. Chory's name on the January 26, 2010 meeting minutes appearing twice on the list of members attending from the Town of Trumbull and his name was omitted although he was in attendance. The correction was noted.

By motion made by Mr. Vecsey, seconded by Mr. Rocco the minutes of the January 26, 2010 meeting were approved with the inclusion of Mr. Rocco in attendance from the Town of Trumbull.

Four members voted in favor of the motion

Four members abstained: Laurie Goodsell; J.P. Sredzinski; Carolyn Taylor

For the record Mr. Williams announced he did not attend the January 26, 2010 meeting.

II. Communications and Announcements

1. Financial Report

Mr. Nielsen presented the Financial Report for the period July 1, 2009 through January 31, 2010.

By motion made by Mr. Sredzinski, seconded by Mr. Vecsey, to approve the Financial Statements. Vote was unanimous

2. Regional Council of Elected Officials

Mr. Nielsen updated the members on the status of the Agency reorganizing to become a Regional Council of Elected Officials.

Mr. Ward referred to an article in the February 24, 2010 edition of the New Haven Register referring to a proposal by Mayor John DeStefano of New Haven allowing regions to increase sales tax. Mr. Nielsen offered comments.

3. Technology Action Program

Mr. Nielsen reported that the Agency has been actively working on establishing a network and backup server to share and store data. Mr. Bidolli offered additional information on the status and cost of the components necessary to achieve data security.

4. Request for Proposals – Agency Personnel Policy Update

Mr. Nielsen informed members that the RPF for Human Resources Consultant has been finalized and will be posted on the State of Connecticut DAS (Department of Administrative Services) website.

A discussion followed. Members voiced concerns regarding the potential cost of the consulting fee. Mrs. Taylor suggested using staff input as a method to keep costs down.

5. Regional Transportation Work Program Schedule and Preliminary Milestones

Mr. Nielsen reviewed.

III. Regional Referrals

1. Milford #142 – Zoning Regulations Amendments (Various Sections): Special Uses- Drive-in Establishments

By motion made by Mr. Greenberger, seconded by Mr. Sredzinski. it was the consensus of the Board that the proposed zoning regulations amendments are minor and of no regional significance.

Vote was unanimous.

2. Oxford #147 – Zoning Regulations Amendments: Accessory Structures

By motion made by Mr. Sredzinski, seconded by Mr. Vecsey, it was the consensus of the Board that the proposed zoning regulations amendments are minor and of no regional significance.

Vote was unanimous.

By motion made by Mr. Sredzinski, seconded by Mr. Rocco, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Goodsell, Secretary