

**Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Agency
Regular Board Meeting and Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 26, 2010 – 6:30 PM
GBRPA Conference Room
525 Water Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604**

Minutes

Members Present:

Bridgeport: Anne Phillips, Vice Chairman, Melville Riley
Easton: None Present
Fairfield: Michael Giaquinto, Robert Greenberger
Monroe: None Present
Stratford: Edward Ward
Trumbull: Anthony Chory; Frederick Garrity; Chairman

Members Absent:

Bridgeport: Carmen Hatton; Jose Pires; Carolyn Taylor
Easton: Peter Neary, Wallace Williams, Treasurer
Fairfield: Jill Kelly
Monroe: Raymond McPadden, J. P. Sredzinski
Stratford: Laurie Goodsell, Secretary, Joseph Vecsey
Trumbull: None

Staff Present:

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Having no business to come before the Executive Committee, by motion made by Mrs. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Riley, the meeting was closed.

I. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. December 1, 2009, Executive Committee Meeting

By motion made by Mrs. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Rocco, the Agency voted to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2009 Executive Committee Meeting.

5 members voted in favor of the motion
2 abstentions – Robert Greenberger and Michael Giaquinto

2. December 2, 2009 Annual Meeting

By motion made by Mrs. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Rocco, the Agency Voted to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2009 Annual Meeting.

6 members voted in favor of the motion
1 abstention – Robert Greenberger

II. Communications and Announcements

1. Financial Report

Mr. Nielsen presented the Financial Report.

Mr. Garrity requested the Executive Director to prepare a plan for computer back-up to present at the next regular meeting.

By motion made by Mr. Greenberger, seconded by Mrs. Phillips, the Financial Report was accepted. Vote was unanimous.

2. Regional Transportation Work Program Schedule and Preliminary Milestones

Mr. Nielsen reviewed.

3. Agreement between Consultant Engineer and GBRPA for the Housatonic Railroad Trail Design Project and Authorizing Resolution

A motion was made by Mrs. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Greenberger to authorize the Agency to enter into an agreement between the GBRPA and Fuss & O'Neill for consulting services for the preliminary design of the Housatonic Railroad Trail. Vote was unanimous.

4. Update of Traffic Engineering and GIS Software

The Board authorized the Executive Director to upgrade the Traffic Engineering and GIS software at a cost of approximately \$700.00.

Mr. Nielsen distributed a draft copy of the RFP to solicit HR Consulting firms to review and update the Agency's Personnel Policy and Practices. A discussion period followed.

By motion made by Mrs. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Riley , the Agency authorized the Executive Director to proceed with the RFP for consulting services and begin advertising.

Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Nielsen welcomed comments from Agency members in the preparation and wording of the RFP.

III. Regional Referrals

Trumbull #187 – Zoning Regulations Amendments (Various Sections): Special Permit Uses

By motion made by Mrs. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Giaquinto, the Agency voted to support the proposed zoning regulations amendments.

Two members voted in favor of the motion – Mrs. Phillips, Mr. Rocco
Five members opposed

The motion did not carry.

A motion was made by Mr. Giaquinto to take no action, seconded by Mr. Riley.

Four members voted in favor of the motion – Mr. Giaquinto; Mr. Greenberger;
Mr. Ward.

Two members opposed – Mrs. Pappas, Mr. Rocco
One abstention – Mr. Chory

Oxford #146 – Zoning Regulations Amendment: Affordable Housing

By motion made by Mr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Greenberger, the Agency voted to support the proposed moratorium to accommodate the development of appropriate affordable housing regulations. The Agency determined the time period defined by the moratorium was reasonable, and necessary for the Town of Oxford. As such, the proposed amendments would not cause a regionally significant impact.

Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Ward requested the 2010 meeting dates to be included with the minutes and also complimented the Executive Director on a job well done on the 2008/2009 Annual Report.

He also raised the issue of New Haven residents receiving compensation through the environmental justice law. Mr. Nielsen explained the environmental justice law. He explained it enables residents living in a disadvantaged or low income area to receive compensation because of a federally funded project that results in a disproportionate impact, in this case a power plant.

Mr. Ward also informed Agency members of the University of Connecticut CLEAR (Connecticut Land Use Education and Research) project website which provides mapping capabilities and GIS data. Mr. Garrity suggested Brian Bidolli send Mr. Ward information on this subject.

By motion made by Mrs. Pappas, seconded by Mr. Riley, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Goodsell, Secretary