

**Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Agency  
Regular Board Meeting and Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday, March 25, 2010 – 6:30 PM  
GBRPA Conference Room  
525 Water Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Bridgeport: Melville Riley  
Easton: Wallace Williams, Treasurer, Peter Neary  
Fairfield: Robert Greenberger, Jill Kelly  
Monroe: None Present  
Stratford: None Present  
Trumbull: Frederick Garrity, Chairman; Guy Rocco; Anthony Chory

**Members Absent:**

Bridgeport: Anne Phillips, Vice Chairman; Carmen Hatton; Jose Pires; Carolyn Taylor  
Easton: None  
Fairfield: Michael Giaquinto  
Monroe: Raymond McPadden, J. P. Sredzinski  
Stratford: Laurie Goodsell, Secretary; Joseph Vecsey; Edward Ward  
Trumbull: None

**Staff Present:**

Linda Colello, Office Manager  
Brian Bidolli, Transportation Planner

In the absence of the Laurie Goodsell, GBRPA Secretary, Mr. Williams was appointed Secretary Pro Tem.

Having no business to come before the Executive Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Riley to open and close the meeting. Vote was unanimous.

**I. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2010 Regular Meeting with the correction that he abstained from voting and delete “for the record Mr. Williams announced he did not attend the January 26, 2010 meeting.” The motion was seconded by Mr. Greenberger.

6 members voted in favor of the motion  
1 member abstained – Jill Jelly

## II. Communications and Announcements

### 1. Financial Report

Ms. Colello reviewed the Financial Report for the period July 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010. By motion made by Mr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Rocco the Financial Report was accepted. Vote was unanimous.

### 2. Human Resources Consultant, Request for Proposals

Ms. Colello reported the Agency received ten proposals for the review and rewrite of the Agency's Personnel Policy and Practices.

Mr. Garrity recommended several methods to review the proposals, all members read all proposals or each member review one or two proposals and report back. Two individuals agreed to serve on the Committee in addition to the original members, Bob Greenberger and Melville Riley. The Committee hopes to meet prior to the April 28, 2010 Regular Board Meeting.

### 3. State Grant In Aid Update

Ms. Colello reported that the last budget reconciliation by the Governor reduced the SGIA to \$100 to be divided by 15 Regional Planning Organizations. The RPO directors are continuing efforts to meet with Governor's Office staff in an attempt to have the funds restored. Mr. Garrity requested an overview of the impact on the Agency on the reduced SGIA funds.

### 4. Regional Council of Elected Officials

Mr. Garrity reported on the progress of the Agency becoming a Regional Council of Elected Officials. Ms. Colello reported that the Town of Fairfield approved an ordinance to join the RCEO at the RTM meeting. The Town of Monroe will begin discussions at a council committee meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Monroe representative J. P. Sredzinski requested Mark Nielsen attend the meeting.

Mrs. Kelly wished to state for the record the considerable time and effort made by GBRPA Executive Director Mark Nielsen during the process of the Town of Fairfield's approval of the ordinance. Mr. Nielsen attended many meetings over a two month period, some lasting late into the evening.

5. Health Care Benefits package for 2011

Ms. Colello reported that process for the review of the Agency health care benefits has begun. At this time health care costs for the Agency staff could rise as much as 25% to maintain the same level of benefits. Mr. Garrity requested the benefit proposal outlining various health care options be sent to all Agency members.

6. Regional Transportation Work Program Status Report

Mr. Bidolli reported.

Mr. Greenberger raised the question of the status of new computers and back-up server. Mr. Bidolli informed members a purchase order has been prepared for the computers and a meeting has been scheduled next week with the Valley COG IT specialist to meet with GBRPA staff and offer advice.

**III. Referrals**

By motion made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Greenberger two additional referrals were added to the agenda, Milford #143 and Easton #87. Vote was unanimous.

In the interest of time, Westport #275, Oxford #148 and Easton #87 were reviewed together because they all address required updates to floodplain maps and regulations.

Westport #275 – Zoning Regulations Amendments (Various Sections): Special Permit Uses

Oxford #148 – Zoning Regulations Amendment (Various Sections): Flood Plain District

Easton #87 – Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments: Flood Plain Districts

Mr. Williams informed members that the update to the floodplain maps and regulations for the Town of Easton must be in effect at June 16, 2010 and submitted to the state by May 16, 2010. If not, the municipality could lose National Flood Insurance Program money. Mr. Garrity instructed Mr. Bidolli to contact the GBRPA member towns to check the status of the updates and report back to members.

By motion made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Williams, it was the consensus of the Board that the proposed changes are minor and of no regional significance.

6 members voted in favor of the motion

1 member abstained – Wallace Williams

Westport #276 – Proposed Zoning Regulations Amendments: Accessory Structures – swimming Pools

By motion made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Riley, it was the consensus of the Board that the proposed changes are minor and of no regional significance.

Vote was unanimous

Newtown #152 – Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments – Article III, Section I  
Accessory Uses

By motion made by Mr. Greenberger, seconded by Mr. Rocco, it was the consensus of the Board to support the proposed changes and express comment that they are minor and of no regional significance.

Vote was unanimous.

Monroe #141 –Zoning Regulations Amendment (Various Sections): Limited Office  
District

By motion made by Mr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Rocco, it was the consensus of the Board that the proposed changes are minor and of no regional significance.

Vote was unanimous.

Milford #143 – Proposed Zone Changes: Lafayette Street – (R-7.5 to MCDD)

By motion made by Mr. Chory, seconded by Mrs. Kelly, it was the consensus of the Board that although economic benefits may be realized from the expansion of the MCDD zone, future residential conversion in this area should consider potential impacts to traffic. As such, the proposed changes are minor, and of no regional significance.

Vote was unanimous.

By motion made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Riley the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wallace R. Williams, Secretary Pro Tem