

**Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Agency
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 23, 2010 – 6:30 PM
GBRPA Conference Room
525 Water Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604**

Minutes

Members Present:

Bridgeport: Anne Phillips, Vice Chairman, Mel Riley
Easton: Peter Neary
Fairfield: Michael Giaquinto, Robert Greenberger
Monroe: Raymond McPadden, J. P. Sredzinski
Stratford: Joseph Vecsey, Edward Ward
Trumbull: Frederick Garrity, Chairman, Anthony Chory, Guy Rocco

Members Absent:

Bridgeport: None
Easton: Wallace Williams, Treasurer
Fairfield: None
Monroe: None
Stratford: Laurie Goodsell, Secretary
Trumbull: None

Staff Present:

Mark Nielsen, Executive Director
Linda Colello, Executive Assistant to the Director
Brian Bidolli, Transportation Planner

Guests:

Attorney Michael Bayonne

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

In the absence of the Secretary, the Chairman appointed Mr. Vecsey Secretary Pro Tem.

By motion made by Mr. McPadden, seconded by Mr. Greenberger, the Agency voted to go into Executive Session. Vote was unanimous.

By motion made Mr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Vecsey, the Agency voted to re-open the Regular Board Meeting. Vote was unanimous.

By motion made by Mrs. Phillips, seconded by Mr. McPadden, to approve and present the Executive Director with a probationary letter of warning as previously read and waive the reading of the letter into the meeting minutes. The document will be filed as part of the record.

Mr. Nielsen made a brief statement.

Vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Pappas advised members of the resignation of Bridgeport representative Carolyn Taylor effective June 18, 2010 as well as two additional member vacancies due to the departure of Bridgeport representatives Jose Pires and Carmen Hatton.

I. Approval of Meeting Minutes

By motion made by Mr. Vecsey, seconded by Mr. Rocco, the Agency approved the minutes of the May 26, 2010 Regular Board and Executive Committee Meeting.

10 members voted in favor of the motion

1 member abstained – Mrs. Pappas

II. Communications and Announcements

1. Financial Report

By motion made by Mr. Rocco, seconded by Mr. Greenberger, the Agency voted to approve the Financial Report for the period July 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010.

Vote was unanimous

2. Regional Transportation Work Program Status Report

Mr. Nielsen reported. Mr. Garrity requested the tasks be broken down into phases to better understand stages of completion.

3. Selection of Agency Auditor

By motion made by Mr. McPadden, seconded by Mr. Neary, the Agency voted to hire Mr. David Zuber, CPA to perform the FY2010 Agency audit.

Vote was unanimous.

4. DECD Proposed Criteria for an Economic Development District.

Mr. Nielsen reported.

5. Scheduling of Meeting with Human Service Resource Consultant

Mr. Nielsen reported that Randi Frank Consulting has been notified of being selected to perform the update of the GBRPA Personnel Policy and Procedures. The Chairman requested the Executive Committee meet with the consultant in July. In addition to the members of the Executive Committee, Mr. Vecsey volunteered to serve on the Committee as well.

III. Action Items

Mr. Garrity announced he appointed Mr. Giaquinto to the Executive Committee to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. Jill Kelly's resignation.

By motion made by Mr. McPadden, seconded by Mr. Riley the Agency approved the legal fees for the services provided by Attorney Michael Bayonne regarding employee personnel matters.

Vote was unanimous.

1. Technology Action/Purchase Plan Program

Mr. Bidolli presented the Technology Purchase Plan which includes a Network and Backup Server, off-site back up, Video Monitor and Video and Telephone Conferencing.

By motion made by Mr. Chory, seconded by Mrs. Pappas, the Agency voted to approve the package as presented.

Vote was unanimous.

IV. Regional Referrals

1. Bridgeport #89 – Proposed Zoning Regulations: Relocation of Non-Conforming Signs

By motion made by Mr. Chory, seconded by Mr. Sredzinski, it was consensus of the Board that the proposed changes are in conflict with the intent of non-conformance controls. The Board voted to not recommend the proposed changes.

Vote was unanimous.

2. Westport #283 – Zoning Regulations Amendments: Various Sections – Banks

By motion made by Mr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Greenberger, it was consensus of the Board that the proposed changes could result in an abundance of banks moving into adjacent towns, as they seek to provide financial services to the residents of Westport. The Board voted to not recommend the proposed changes based on this regionally significant impact, and the potential effects such regulation could have on free trade.

Vote was unanimous.

3. Trumbull #191 – Zoning Regulations amendment: B-C Commercial Zone – Signage

By motion made by Mr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Greenberger, it was the consensus of the Board that the proposed changes are minor and not of regional

significance, but consideration should be given to any potential impacts to visibility along the adjacent limited access highway.

Vote was unanimous.

4. Milford #144 – Zoning Regulations Amendment: Fences and Walls

By motion made by Mr. Giaquinto, seconded by Mrs. Phillips, it was the consensus of the Board that the proposed changes are minor, and not of regional significance.

Vote was unanimous.

5. Easton #88 – Zoning Regulations Amendment: Special Use

By motion made by Mrs. Pappas, seconded by Mr. Riley, it was consensus of the Board to not recommend the proposed use due to a lack of substantive data regarding potential traffic impacts within the towns of Fairfield, Easton, Trumbull, and the city of Bridgeport.

Vote was unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Vecsey, Secretary Pro Tem