

**Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Agency
Regular Board Meeting
October 28, 2009 - 6:30 PM
GBRPA Conference Room
525 Water Street - Suite One
Bridgeport, CT 06604**

Minutes

Members Present:

Bridgeport: None Present
Easton: Peter Neary, Wallace Williams, Treasurer
Fairfield: Michael Giaquinto, Jill Kelly
Monroe: None Present
Stratford: Laurie Goodsell, Secretary, Joseph Vecsey, Edward Ward
Trumbull: Anthony Chory, Frederick Garrity, Chairman, Guy Rocco

Members Absent:

Bridgeport: Carmen Hatton, Jose Anthony Pires, Anne Phillips, Vice Chairman, Melville Riley, Carolyn Taylor
Easton: None
Fairfield: Douglas Jones
Monroe: Raymond, McPadden, J.P. Sredzinski
Stratford: None
Trumbull: None

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

I. Approval of Minutes

By motion made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Vecsey, the minutes of the September 23, 2009 Regular Meeting were approved with the following changes:

Page 2, Item III Communications and Announcements
Paragraph 3, line 1, correct typo, should be Director, not Directed.

Page 2, Item IV Regional Referrals – Fairfield #145.
Delete "immediate" in paragraph 1, line 4.

Page 4, Item IV Regional Referrals – Newtown #148.
Paragraph 1, line 3 should read, "no more than five vehicles would be restrictive to the operation of business".

Page 4, Item V Other Business

Paragraph 2, Line 4 should read, "not P&Z. It was the position of the Chairman and consensus of the Board to accept Mr. Riley's appointment".

Include Mr. Ward's comments regarding the incorrect date on the Authorizing Resolution between the GBRPA and ConnDOT for regional transportation planning. The correct dates should be July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010, not July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Vote was unanimous.

II. Communications and Announcements

1. Financial Report

Mr. Nielsen presented the Financial Statements for the period July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009.

By motion made by Mr. Giaquinto, seconded by Mr. Williams the Agency voted to accept the Financial Statements.

Vote was unanimous.

2. Agreement between ConnDOT and GBRPA for the Housatonic Railroad Trail Design Project and Authorizing Resolution

By motion made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Vecsey, the Agency voted to adopt the authorizing resolution.

Vote was unanimous.

3. Agreement between ConnDEP and GBRPA for the Housatonic Rail Trail Design Project and Authorizing Resolution.

Vote was unanimous.

By motion made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Goodsell, the Agency voted to adopt the authorizing resolution.

Vote was unanimous.

4. Regional Transportation Work Program Schedule and Preliminary Milestones.

Mr. Nielsen reviewed.

5. Unified Planning Work Program FY 2008-2010 Revised Authorizing Resolution

By motion made by Mr. Neary, seconded by Mr. Chory, the Agency voted to adopt the revised authorizing resolution.

Vote was unanimous.

III. Regional Referrals

1. Trumbull#184 – Zoning Regulations Amendments: Various Sections

By motion made by Mr. Giaquinto, seconded by Mrs. Goodsell, the Agency offered the following recommendations:

It was the consensus of the Board to support the proposed amendments with comments. The Agency voiced concerns pertaining to Article II, Section 1.1.2.4 limiting the size of tennis courts, swimming pools and other unroofed paved surfaces to a maximum of 300 square feet. Since tennis courts and swimming pools are typically larger, the Board requested additional clarification on this item.

Also, regarding Article V, Section II, the concern is that holding pre-application/preliminary review discussions prior to the public meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission could portray a predisposition among voting members. Such a disposition has the potential to leave the public out of the decision process by default.

The Board also requests further clarification in the amendments to Article VII, Section 4 requiring 1,000 foot separation between alcohol sales outlets. The Board requested the inclusion of a definition for the term “alcohol sales outlet”, and questioned if such regulation would establish non-conforming uses within the Town of Trumbull. This could be a potential future licensing problem if any alcohol sales outlet locations are currently within the 1,000 foot separation.

8 members supported the motion

1 member abstained – Anthony Chory

2. Newtown #149 – Subdivision Regulations Amendment: Environmental Impact Assessment for Subdivisions

By motion made by Mr. Chory, seconded by Mr. Williams, the Agency voted to support the proposed regulations amendment.

Vote was unanimous.

3. Newtown #150 – Zoning Regulations Amendments: Article VIII – Supplemental Regulation

By motion made by Mr. Neary, seconded by Mr. Giaquinto, it was the consensus of the Agency that the proposed zoning regulations amendments have no regional impact.

8 members voted in favor of the motion

1 member opposed – Jill Kelly

The motion passed.

IV. Other Business

1. Annual Meeting

Members agreed the Board will not meet in November being the Annual Meeting will be the first or second week of December. The Executive Committee will meet prior to the Annual Meeting for any business requiring action by the Agency.

The Chairman updated members on the process of reorganizing the Agency to a Regional Council of Elected Officials.

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

By motion made by Mr. Giaquinto, seconded by Mr. Williams the meeting was re-opened.

The Chairman appointed the following members to serve on the Nominating Committee:

Guy Rocco, Chairman
Peter Neary
Jill Kelly
Michael Giaquinto

By motion made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Giaquinto, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Goodsell, Secretary