

**Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Agency  
Regular Board Meeting  
September 23, 2009 - 6:30 PM  
GBRPA Conference Room  
525 Water Street - Suite One  
Bridgeport, CT 06604**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Bridgeport: Carolyn Taylor  
Easton: Peter Neary, Wallace Williams, Treasurer  
Fairfield: Douglas Jones, Jill Kelly  
Monroe: Raymond, McPadden, J.P. Sredzinski  
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  
Easton: None  
Fairfield: Michael Giaquinto  
Monroe: None  
Stratford: None  
Trumbull: none

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

**Guests:** David P. Zuber, CPA

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

Mr. Nielsen introduced Brian Bidolli, the Agency's new Transportation/Community Planner. Mr. Bidolli began employment with the Agency on September 8, 2009.

**I. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

By motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Sredzinski, the Agency voted to approve the minute of the August 26, 2009 Board Meeting.

The motion passed

11 members supported the motion

1 abstention - Carolyn Taylor

## **II. Audit Report**

Mr. David Zuber, CPA completed the Agency Audit for FY 2008-09. Upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, a motion was made by Mr. McPadden, seconded by Mr. Chory to accept the audit.

Vote was unanimous.

## **III. Communications and Announcements**

### **1. Financial Report**

Mr. Nielsen presented the Financial Statements for the period July 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009. The Chairman suggested sending reminders to the towns that have not paid their local dues in forty-five days.

### **2. Regional Transportation Work Program Schedule and Preliminary Milestones**

Mr. Nielsen updated members on the status of on-going tasks under the Agency's Transportation Planning Program.

Mrs. Kelly voiced concern over referrals being reviewed by the Executive Directed and determined to be "of no regional impact". These referrals would not be brought before the Board, just a letter to the town stating the Agency's opinion of no regional impact. The Chairman stated all referrals should be brought before the board to be reviewed with a regional perspective.

## **IV. Regional Referrals**

### **1. Fairfield #145 - Zoning Regulations Amendments: Section 12.5.8 - Neighborhood Design Business Districts; Permitted Uses**

By motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Vecsey, the Agency supported the proposed zoning regulations amendments. It was the opinion of the Agency Board that, based on the information provided; there is no immediate regional impact.

Vote was unanimous.

### **II. Trumbull #182 Zoning Regulations amendments: Article II, Section 3.1.7.3 - Signs in Commercial Zone**

By motion made by Mr. Sredzinski, seconded by Mrs. Goodsell, the Agency supports the proposed zoning amendments with the recommendation of concerns of driver distraction with signage facing the Merritt Parkway.

After discussing the motion on the floor, a motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McPadden, to amend the motion made by Mr. Sredzinski and take no action at this time because of traffic safety concerns and regional issues such as environmental and proliferation of signs.

10 members voted in favor of the motion to amend Mr. Sredzinski motion.

1 member opposed - Joseph Vecsey

1 member recused himself - Anthony Chory

III. Trumbull #183 - Zoning Regulations Amendments:  
Article II, Section 3.1.4 - Special Permit Uses

By motion made by Mr. McPadden, seconded by Mr. Vecsey, the Agency voted to support the proposed amendments.

11 members supported the motion

1 member recused himself - Anthony Chory

IV. Milford #140 - Zoning Regulations Amendments:  
Various Text changes

By motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Vecsey, the Agency voted to support the proposed amendments.

11 members supported the motion

1 member opposed - J. P. Sredzinski

V. Westport #270 - Zoning Regulations Amendments:  
Sections 30 - Historic Design District

By motion made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Vecsey, the Agency voted to support the proposed amendments.

Vote was unanimous

VI. Stratford #141- Amendment of Zoning Regulations:  
Section 16 - Signs

By motion made by Mr. Chory, seconded by Mr. Sredzinski, the Agency voted to support the proposed amendments.

8 members supported the motion

1 member opposed - Wallace Williams

3 members abstained - Guy Rocco, Raymond McPadden,  
Joseph Vecsey

VII. Newtown #148 - Zoning Regulations Amendments:  
Article I - General Regulations

By motion made by Mr. Vecsey, seconded by Mr. McPadden, the Agency voted to support the proposed amendments, with the recommendation that no more than five vehicles would be restrictive to business and prevent business.

Vote was unanimous.

**V. Other Business**

Mr. Garrity informed members that the process of reorganizing the Agency to a Regional Council of Elected Officials is progressing. The language and reorganization of the conversion to a RCEO will be presented to the CEOS at the next MPO meeting.

Mr. Garrity brought up the matter of the appointment of Melville Riley as Bridgeport's appointment from the Planning and Zoning Commission. There was concern regarding his appointment in that it came from the Mayor's office and not P & Z. It was the position of the Chairman to accept Mr. Riley's appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Goodsell, Secretary