

MEETING NOTICE

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION of the VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

**Tuesday, January 22, 2008
5:15 p.m.
at VCOG Offices
Derby Train Station**

AGENDA

1. Public Session
2. Minutes of 11/27/07 Regular Meeting (Enc.)
3. Referrals and Reviews: (pertinent correspondence enclosed)
 - a) **Referral from Town of Trumbull:** Proposed Amendments to Trumbull Zoning Regs., Article VI, Zoning Board of Appeals
Public Hearing Date: February 4, 2008
4. Discussion re: Update of Local Plans of Conservation and Development
5. Discussion re: Land Use and Zoning – Continuing Education

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
VCOG REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, January 22, 2008**

Members Present: Bart Flaherty, David Barboza II, Cliff Strumello

Members Absent: Virginia Harger (excused)

Staff Present: Rick Dunne, Executive Director

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Flaherty at 5:15 p.m.

The public session was called open; there were no public comments.

Rick Dunne noted for the record that Ginny Harger called him to say she was ill and wouldn't be attending. David Elder is also ill and cannot be present.

Minutes of the 11/27/07 regular meeting.

Motion: by Cliff Strumello to accept the minutes as presented;

Second: David Barboza; motion passed-unanimous

Referrals:

Town of Trumbull: Proposed Zoning Amendment to revise Article VI, Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Town of Trumbull is proposing to amend their zoning regulations concerning Article VI, Zoning Board of Appeals. The RPC members briefly reviewed and discussed the proposed amendment.

Motion: by Cliff Strumello to accept staff recommendation of no negative regional impacts;

Second: David Barboza; motion passed unanimous

Discussion Re: Update of Local Plans of Conservation and Development: The Chairman indicated that at the last meeting, they discussed changes made to the State Plan of Conservation and Development and David Elder had pointed out that we probably were not in compliance, except for Shelton. Rick Dunne said this agency at one time assisted the towns in updating their plans and implementing them. As ours was adopted, the Legislature adopted a new regulation in the following session. We should have been good for ten years but after they adopted the new regulation, there was no grandfathering, so we were informed last year that we need to update. Rick continued that Shelton has done their update. It is relatively simple and can be done in-house. We will update each of the municipal plans and the regional plan to conform with the

deficiencies that Dave Elder outlined in his memo to the RPC and then we will present them to the P&Zs. The P&Zs will need to endorse the plans by June. It was brought up that a public hearing might be required for this update. Rick said Dave Elder will look into it and he will give the members a step-by-step process of what is required for this update. It will most likely be an insert to the existing plan of a page or two. Rick noted that the tricky part comes when we adopt the regional plan based upon your municipal updates. David will have to make certain that we conform to the state plan as a region. There could potentially be some conflicts with the state plan. At this time, an authorization is needed by the RPC to commence the update.

Motion: by Cliff Strumello to authorize staff to proceed with the update of the local and regional Plans of Conservation and Development, to prepare an insert and to prepare a schedule of implementation;

Second: David Barboza; motion passed unanimous

Discussion re: Land Use and Zoning – Continuing Education: Rick Dunne indicated that David Elder suggested this item be tabled and he will discuss it with the members next month. This is regarding a certification session that David Elder wishes to attend beginning in March. Rick noted that this session is open to the towns, as well. We have the money to pay for David to go. Rick reiterated that Dave will bring this up at the next meeting.

Rick then brought up one item. The DOT public hearing for the improvements to Division Street in the area of Wakelee Ave. to Rt. 8 and the construction of the NB entrance ramp at Westfield Ave. will be held on March 18, 6:30 p.m. at Ansonia City Hall. This will become the Phase I project. It is funded and is at the preliminary design phase. The members then briefly discussed some signal timing issues in the area that needed to be looked at. They included: Division Street between S. Main St., Ansonia and Clifton Avenue; Intersection of Seymour and Atwater in Derby; Pershing and Division advanced left; and S. Main St., Ansonia-investigate right on red southbound and possibility of advanced left.

Rick then went on to talk about the other phases in the project. Phase II is the reconstruction of Rt. 34 through downtown Derby. A general discussion then ensued regarding the various aspects of the Route 8 project.

Motion: by Cliff Strumello to adjourn

Second: David Barboza, Motion passed unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rick Dunne
VCOG Executive Director