

**DRAFT**  
**Minutes**  
**Connecticut Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board**  
**March 1, 2012 Meeting (Special Meeting)\***

**Meeting at DOT Headquarters**  
**2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06111**  
**Room 2324**

**1.0 Preliminaries**

1.1 Call to Order- Meeting called to order at 1:07pm. Board members in attendance: Tom Gutman, Ray Rauth, Rod Parlee, Neil Pade, Charlie Beristain , Tom Harned

1.2 Assignment to Recording Secretary. Secretary functions for this (March 1) meeting will be performed by Thomas Gutman.

1.3 Approval: January Minutes were approved.

**2.0 Reports**

2.1 DOT Projects and News, reported by Kate Rattan

- CTBPAB –
  - E-votes? Issues with FOI?
- Eastern CT Trail -
- RTP -
- Greenways Council -
- TE – regional submissions were due in Feb 1, some regions have been slow to file or file correctly. Carla Iezzi is working to determine eligibility and send the proposals out for staff review.
- American Great Outdoors – meeting 20120208 in CNVCOG. Meetings will be monthly. NPS will facilitate coordination between towns to promote the Naugatuck River Greenway and associated activities of walking, biking, fishing and boating. Earth Day clean up, May 5 canoe race, conservation

activities, bike awareness month, bike to work week/day, **September relay of the 44mi corridor** (possible visit from the Secretary of the Interior Salazar, cameo appearances for local officials/senate/commissioners). Make CTbike walk, GC and CTBPAB aware of the program.

- HDM – Look for the updated document on the website. The pavement preservation section was updated to include verbiage on the inclusion of 11' lanes.
- Merritt Parkway – Public meetings in March.
- M8 Bike Hooks MNR – Prototype 2.0 will be manufactured and tested by CTDOT. MNR and CTDOT still need to determine roll out funding and implementation plan.
- ECG signage – working with traffic, letters have gone out to towns.
- Bolton Notch – survey fieldwork done, but report has not been finalized
- Andover Bridge/ Hop River – stalled, awaiting news from 1<sup>st</sup> selectman.
- Training Opportunity – In April there will be a 2 day workshop for designing bicycle facilities.
- Essex transportation study is complete.
- Putnam Bridge – connection study not yet negotiated. Bridge design is moving forward.
- Keeney St. crosswalks- fieldwork has been done, maintenance request to be sent out.

## 2.2 Reports from other Public Agencies (State, Regional, Local) -

a Tom O'Brien from New Milford, CT made a presentation about the New Milford River Trail, a greenway that currently runs for 5 miles alongside the Housatonic River. When completed it will stretch the entire length of town (about 10 miles in all) and serve as a vital link in the Western New England Greenway (a bike route that's planned to run from Montreal to New York City). He also requested a letter in support of the town of New Milford's efforts to secure a grant to restore a historic truss bridge that will serve as the gateway to the Trail.

b. Revision of the draft C&D Plan to be available in April 2012. The revised draft, which will include a draft Locational Guide Map,

will then be discussed at public hearings across the state. After addressing formal public comments, OPM will submit a recommended Draft 2013-2018 C&D Plan to the General Assembly for consideration of approval during the 2013 legislative session.

### **3.0 Old Business**

#### **3.1 Implementation of Complete Streets Law**

a. Vulnerable User's Bill. After brief discussion a vote calling for board support of this bill was passed with no dissent.

Stop Light Camera Legislation. Tom Gutman entered two items for discussion: Is a left turn started on a green but completed as the light turns or has turned red a citable event; and would there be support for limiting the placement of cameras to intersections on which the lights are coordinated with other lights. This is guidance in the MUTCD.

With one dissenting vote the board voted to support passage of the bill.

b. Public Education and Outreach Initiatives – These were discussed:

i. "2.c" Identify Training Opportunities (5 minutes)

- Downtown Revitalization Institute 2012 Complete Streets Workshops, March 9, 2012

ii. "2.b" "Identify stakeholders" (10 minutes)

- Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects – Distribution of Annual Report, Preparation of Article on WHAT IS the CT Complete Streets legislation and why should design professionals pay attention, etc?

Distribution of Report on ASLA ListServe (pending).

- Tri-State Transportation Campaign – Vulnerable Users Legislation and upcoming panel discussion on how to implement a Complete Streets Plan

- Regional Transportation Committee's – Presentation of Annual Report 2/27/12 to CRCOG TC, Others?

- New England Section of the Institute of Transportation engineers – Posting of Annual Report. Start a dialogue?

<http://www.neite.org/>

- Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association – Annual Report Distributed to Planner's ListServe

- Better Cities and Towns – Distribution of Annual Report, Discussion with Editor on progress being made in CT

- East Coast Greenway Alliance – Annual Report sent to member of the Board

c. Policy Initiatives These were discussed:

- i. "4.c.iii.4" Implementation of Complete Streets through STC Permit Review (subsections "a"-“i”) (10 minutes) *update, schedule a new meeting? See comments in annual report. Red herrings vs. practicality*
- ii. "4.iii.c.5" DOT Bike-Ped. Need Assessment Checklist, Distribution and Update (5 minutes) *continue distribution, see comments in annual report on updating of Needs Assessment Form.*
- iii. "4.b" Petition Amtrak to allow bicycles on trains (10 minutes) – *Draft letter provided by Richard.*
- iv. "4.a.viii" Department of Motor Vehicles – Driver's Manual (10 minutes) - *contact DMV to see if we can offer any help?*  
<http://www.courant.com/news/opinion/editorials/hc-ed-dmvwill-put-bicycle-safety-questions-on-dri-20120201,0,3027436.story>

### 3.2 CBPAB Policies (5 minutes)

Selection of permanent recording secretary.

No resolution, TomG to act as secretary for this meeting.

4.0 New Business – Tom G requested that sidewalk concerns be elevated to a continuing issue.

7.0 Next Meeting Time/Date, Agenda Items and Adjournment  
*Meeting 1:00 to 3:00, DOT HQ, March 29th, 2012, Room 2324*

Temporary Recording Secretary – Tom Gutman