

# STATE PROPERTIES REVIEW BOARD

## Minutes of Meeting Held On June 20, 2012

The State Properties Review Board held a special meeting on June 20, 2012 at 1063 Hope Street, Stamford, CT.

**Members Present:** Edwin S. Greenberg, Chairman  
Bruce Josephy, Secretary  
Mark A. Norman  
Pasquale A. Pepe  
John P. Valengavich

**Members Absent:** Bennett Millstein, Vice-Chairman

**Staff Present:** Mary Goodhouse, Real Estate Examiner

Chairman Greenberg called the meeting to order.

Mr. Josephy moved and Mr. Norman seconded a motion to enter into Open Session. The motion passed unanimously.

### OPEN SESSION

Also present were the following: from the City of Stamford: Mayor Michael Pavia, Administrator Michael Handler; Traffic Engineer Manny Poola; from the Southwest Regional Planning Agency: Susan Prosey; from the Connecticut Department of Transportation: Steven Degen, Robert Ike, Daniel Walsh, Thomas Fox, and Anthony Estanislau.

### **DISCUSSION & SITE INSPECTION – DOT PROJECT #135-297, RECONSTRUCTION OF HOPE STREET**

Using the DOT Project #135-297, Reconstruction of Hope Street (Stamford) as an example, the municipal, regional and state officials described the process of project selection, project budgeting and sources of funding; local and federal project approval; establishing project scope; project design and design revision; rights of way acquisition; and project completion. There is approximately \$4.2 million of federal money available annually for projects in Stamford. The state DOT does not set the priorities for municipal projects.

Project #135-297 is a municipal road project, funded 80% by the federal government, 10% by the state and 10% by the City of Stamford. The project location at 2,100 linear feet of Hope Street is an urban artery that carries commuter traffic. The initial scope defined by a consultant working for the City included a full road-base reconstruction. DOT Engineer Anthony Estanislau explained that in their project review, the DOT design engineers look for ways to cut project costs. In this case, DOT took borings and determined that the road bed did not need to be reconstructed, and the design is for milling and overlay. The number of takings was reduced from 48 to 5 friendly negotiations acquisitions that have been successfully negotiated. Steven Degen said that the DOT was able to obtain temporary rights to grade from properties along the new sidewalk. These agreements did not entail any acquisition costs. Where land acquisition was necessary, DOT Appraiser Thomas Fox explained how values were established.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Bruce Josephy, Secretary