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MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 2004
AT THE DANBURY HOLIDAY INN, NEWTOWN ROAD, DANBURY, CT

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES IN ATTENDANCE

Bethel.....First Selectman Alice Hutchinson
Bridgewater.....Alternate Lois Carreira
Brookfield.....First Selectman Jerome Murphy, Alternate Judy Heise
Danbury.....Mayor Mark Boughton, Alternates
Mike McLachlan and Dennis Elpern
New Fairfield.....First Selectman Peggy Katkocin
New Milford.....Absent
Newtown.....Alternate Elizabeth Stocker
Redding.....First Selectman Natalie Ketcham
Ridgefield.....First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Alternate Peter Yanity
Sherman.....First Selectman Andrea O'Connor

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Members of the legislative delegation of the Region including State Senator Judith Freedman and State Representatives Arthur O'Neill, Julia Wasserman, Robert Godfrey and Henry Bielawa. In addition, in the audience were Danbury Economic Development Director James Bellano, Greater Danbury Chamber President Stephen Bull, Mark Langlois of the News Times, George Walker of the Berkshire Corporate Park, Sue Wolf of the Redding Pilot, Eric Bergstresser and Rick Schreiner of HART, Holly Burbank of Metropool, Danbury Citizen Lynn Waller, Robert Rush of the New Milford Rail Restoration Society, Larry Marsicano of the Candlewood Lake Authority, Cheryl Reedy of the HRRA, Dave Hannon, George Blake, Candy Acquanita and Jon Chew of the HVCEO staff.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Natalie Ketcham at 8:35 A.M. There was public comment by Lynn Waller concerning possible identity theft stemming from the abundance of personal data mandated to be included on a marriage license issued by a justice of the peace.

AMENDMENT TO LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

After brief discussion led by Natalie Ketcham and then on a motion made by Rudy Marconi and a second by Alice Hutchinson, it was voted unanimously to add the issue of FERC imposed locationally installed capacity (LICAP) to the agenda.

DISCUSSION WITH AREA LEGISLATORS

Members and legislators discussed ideas and issues as raised and as outlined on a legislative issues list mailed out with the meeting agenda. Key issues included the recent FERC LICAP electric rate ruling, the real estate conveyance tax, affordable housing, smart growth, proposed state commission to provide technical assistance with school projects, Danbury Branch Line service improvements, possible probate court changes, and other issues.

ADJOURNMENT

After a motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 A.M.