

# STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, September 12, 2007

In attendance were:

Ms. Janis Loiselle  
Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Lt. Eric Croce  
Mr. Bernie Frezza  
Mr. John DiTomasso

Ms. Janis Loiselle declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:11 AM.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and, upon a motion duly made and seconded, were unanimously accepted by the State Traffic Commission. It was voted to continue to follow the procedures and policy of the State Traffic Commission as previously established.

### Old Business

#### BRISTOL ==> METACOM AV HWY 136

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/6/2007	No Action	40356
Request from Representatives Raymond E. Gallison and Douglas W. Gablinske for the following:		
Metacom Ave. (southbound) – a dedicated left turn lane onto Annawamscutt Dr.		
Metacom Ave. (northbound) – a dedicated right turn lane onto Annawamscutt Dr.		
Annawamscutt Dr. (westbound) - a dedicated right turn lane onto Metacom Ave.		
<i>Comments:</i> Intersection will fall under a High Hazard contract in design.		
<i>Action Taken:</i>		
<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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**BRISTOL ==> METACOM AV HWY 136**

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>3/6/2007</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>No Action</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40355</b>
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Request from Representatives Raymond E. Gallison and Douglas W. Gablinske for the following:

Metacom Ave. (northbound) – a dedicated left turn lane onto Tupelo St.  
Metacom Ave. (southbound) – a dedicated left turn lane onto Michael Dr.

*Comments:* Intersection will fall under a High Hazard contract in design.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
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**BRISTOL ==> METACOM AV HWY 136**

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>3/6/2007</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>No Action</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40357</b>
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Request from Representatives Raymond E. Gallison and Douglas W. Gablinske for the following:

Metacom Ave. (southbound) – a dedicated left turn lane into the CVS /  
Cumberland Farms Shopping Plaza.  
Metacom Ave. (southbound) – a dedicated right turn lane onto Bay View Ave.

*Comments:* Intersection will fall under a High Hazard Contract.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
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**BRISTOL ==> METACOM AV HWY 136**

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>3/5/2007</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Action Taken</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40349</b>
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Request from Representatives Raymond E. Gallison and Douglas W. Gablinske for the following:

Metacom Ave. (southbound) – a dedicated left turn lane onto Fatima Dr.  
Metacom Ave. (northbound) – a dedicated right turn lane onto Fatima Dr.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:* Approved on Metacom Ave southbound a dedicated left turn lane onto Fatima Dr.  
Denied a dedicated right turn lane on Metacom Ave. northbound onto Fatima Dr.

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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**BRISTOL ==> METACOM AV HWY 136**

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>6/12/2007</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Denied</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40401</b>
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Request from Representatives Raymond E. Galison and Douglas W. Gablinski for the following:

Metacom Ave. (southbound) – a right turn only lane onto Gooding Ave.

*Comments:* Installation of a right turn lane onto Gooding would produce congestion at this intersection.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
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**COVENTRY ==> VICTORY HW HWY 102**

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>6/6/2007</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Denied</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40396</b>
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Request from Representative Nicholas Gorham for the installation of a four way stop condition or a red flasher signal for all four approaches at the intersection of Rt. 102 and Rt. 117.

*Comments:* Study showed that it did not meet MUTCD criteria.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Lt. Eric Croce</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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**JOHNSTON ==> HARTFORD AV US 6**

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>6/5/2007</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Action Taken</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40387</b>
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Request from Representative Stephen R. Ucci for the following:

The installation of left arrow turn signals at all existing lights (Reservoir Avenue, Brown Avenue and Rollingwood).

A center turn lane to enable safer turning for all of the side streets on Hartford Avenue, in particular Belfield Drive and Scenic View Drive.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:* Left turn signals exist at Reservoir Ave., Brown Ave. Approved a left turn arrow signal at Rollingwood. Denied all center turn lanes along Hartford Ave due to insufficient road width.

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Mr. John DiTomasso</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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**LINCOLN ==>> OLD RIVER RD HWY 126**

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>6/29/2007</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Action Taken</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40404</b>
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Request from Mr. James R. Jahnz Lincoln Council Vice President for a study to recommend a safety upgrade on Old River Rd. (Rt. 126) at the Albion Rd. / School St. intersection.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:* Intersection met warrants for a signal, but STC determined that it was not required at this time.  
Approved a 4 Way Stop along with the appropriate Stop signs and advance notices for all 4 approaches.

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Mr. John DiTomasso</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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**PORTSMOUTH ==>> PARK AV**

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>8/2/2007</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Action Taken</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40414</b>
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Request from RIDOT for a pedestrian study to determine appropriate crosswalk locations along Park Ave.

*Comments:* Chairperson requested a numbered address be given for the location of Flo's.

*Action Taken:* Approved crosswalk in the vicinity of Flo's Clam Shack. Study was conducted at the intersections of Omerod and Gormely Ave.

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Mr. John DiTomasso</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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**SMITHFIELD ==>> PUTNAM PK US 44**

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>5/2/2007</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Continued</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40378</b>
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Requests from the Town of Smithfield Traffic Safety Commission as follows:

Evaluate the need for the existing parking regulations on Putnam Pike (U.S. Rt. 44), from West Greenville Road to the Gloucester Town Line.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Lt. Eric Croce</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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**WARREN ==> MAIN ST HWY 114**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>8/2/2007</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>40422</b>

Request from the Town of Warren to approve a No Left Turn on Main St. ( Rt. 114) northbound onto Miller St. The Town of Warren is requesting this turn restriction to be approved or offer advice to correct the situation of congestion at this intersection.

*Comments:* STC determined that left turns were not the problem that is causing the traffic congestion.

Intersection will fall under a High Hazard Contract.

*Action Taken:* Denied the No Left Turn on Main St. northbound at Miler St.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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**WARWICK ==> GREENWICH AV HWY 5**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>8/2/2007</b>	<b>Denied</b>	<b>40425</b>

Request from Representative Al Gemma for a Stop sign on Greenwich Ave. northbound at King St. and North St.

*Comments:* Study indicated no volumes to justify a Stop condition along with a report of 1 accident.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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**WARWICK ==> GREENWICH AV HWY 5**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>8/2/2007</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40424</b>

Request from Representative Al Gemma for a 4 Way Stop at the intersection of Greenwich Ave. and West Natick Rd. / Reed St.

*Comments:* There was a high pedestrian count and traffic was heavier on the side street.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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**WOONSOCKET ==>> DIAMOND HILL RD HWY 114**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>6/6/2007</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>40393</b>

Request from Senator Marc A. Cote and Representative Roger A. Picard to approve the installation of sequence turn arrows at the intersection of Mendon Road and Diamond Hill Road (Rt. 114).

*Comments:* Intersection will fall under a RIDOT design contract.

*Action Taken:* Denied request. Review of the area showed no room to add a lane within the existing pavement width. Widening of the road would be required along with purchasing of some property.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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**New Business**

**BRISTOL ==>> METACOM AV HWY 136**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>9/5/2007</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>40428</b>

Request from the Town of Bristol to conduct a speed study on Metacom Ave.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Mr. John DiTomasso</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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**CHARLESTOWN ==>> OLD POST RD HWY 1A**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>9/7/2007</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40443</b>

Request from RIDOT to approve No Parking for both sides of Old Post Road from the General Stanton Inn northerly to NET Pole # 20.

*Comments:* This extends the existing no parking limits.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Lt. Eric Croce</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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**COVENTRY ==> FLAT RIVER RD HWY 117**

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>9/5/2007</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Approved</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40429</b>
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Request from the Town of Coventry to relocate the existing crosswalk on Flat River Road at Walker Lane.

*Comments:* New location of the crosswalk is to the east of the bus turn out, in front of the Town Hall.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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**CUMBERLAND ==> DIAMOND HILL RD HWY 114**

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>9/5/2007</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Approved</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40430</b>
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Request from RIDOT to approve the installation of Yield signs on each left lane of the on ramps to I-295 southbound and northbound from Diamond Hill Road.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:* Approved to yield to the right lanes.

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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**CUMBERLAND ==> MENDON RD HWY 122**

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>9/5/2007</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Approved</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>40431</b>
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Request from RIDOT to approve the installation of Yield signs on each right lane of the on ramps to I-295 southbound and northbound from Mendon Road.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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EXETER ==> S COUNTY TL HWY 2

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/5/2007	Study	40435
Request from theTown of Exeter for some type of traffic control device at Rt. 2 and Mail Rd.		
<i>Comments:</i>		
<i>Action Taken:</i>		
<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Lt. Eric Croce	Unanimous

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FOSTER ==> WINSOR RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/5/2007	Approved	40436
Request from RIDOT to approve the New Posting Axles of 12 TON gross weight for the Winsor Bridge.		
<i>Comments:</i> Correction was made by RIDOT that New Posting is for 12 TON Gross weight, not per axles.		
<i>Action Taken:</i>		
<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Lt. Eric Croce	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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GLOCESTER ==> SNAKE HILL RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/5/2007	Action Taken	40437
Request from the Gloucester Police to discuss the issue of "Low Traffic Flow" on Snake Hill Rd. west of Rt. 102 and Rt. 94 as it concerns the use of school bus stops as required in R.I. Law 31-20-10.3		
<i>Comments:</i>		
<i>Action Taken:</i> The STC determined to use the terminalogy found in the Manual On Uniform Traffic Control Devices 2003 Edition (MUTCD), which is Low Volume Roads. The MUTCD defines a Low Volume Road as having 400 vehicles or less per day. Based on this information the STC Approved that state roads having 400 vehicles or less per day will be deemed a Low Volume Road.		
<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. John DiTomasso	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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**LINCOLN ==>> GEORGE WASHINGTON HWY HWY 116**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>9/5/2007</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40432</b>

Request from RIDOT to approve the existing No U Turn sign for Rt. 116 southbound at the on ramp to Rt. 146 northbound.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Lt. Eric Croce</b>	<b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

**LITTLE COMPTON ==>> COMMONS**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>9/5/2007</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>40438</b>

On behalf of the United Congregational Church the Little Compton Police is requesting a crosswalk for the church's parish house located at 4 Commons.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Mr. John DiTomasso</b>	<b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

**NARRAGANSETT ==>> SUCCOTASH RD**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>9/5/2007</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>40439</b>

Request from Senator James C. Sheehan for a crosswalk on Succotash Rd. from Champlin Ave. to Ocean Ave.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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**PORTSMOUTH ==> E MAIN RD HWY 138**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>9/6/2007</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>40442</b>

Request from Representative Amy G. Rice for the installation of a traffic control device on East Main Road at Glen Road.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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**PROVIDENCE ==> ALLENS AV US 1A**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>9/5/2007</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40440</b>

Request from the Narragansett Bay Commission to permit the installation of the No Right Turn On Red sign on Terminal Rd. at Allens Ave to remain.

*Comments:* The temporary turn restriction will be removed when the temporary traffic signal is removed.

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Lt. Eric Croce</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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**SMITHFIELD ==> DOUGLAS PK HWY 7**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>9/7/2007</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40444</b>

Request from Senator John J. Tassoni, Jr. for a No U Turn sign on Rt. 7 northbound at Thurber Blvd.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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**Special Event**

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**STATEWIDE**

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>9/5/2007</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40441</b>

Request from the following cities and towns to hold their scheduled events as designated in their letters to the STC.

JOHNSTON - The Annual Soccer / Football Parade on 9/23/2007 starting at 8:30 AM.

NARRAGANSETT - The Ocean State Mile on 9/22/2007 starting at 9:00 AM and the 10th Annual Maureen J. and Robert E. Sweeney Memorial Day Road Race on 10/27/2007 starting at 1:00 PM.

SOUTH KINGSTOWN - The Peace Dale Revitalization Committee's Holiday Gala on 12/ 2/2007 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Motion Made*  
**Mr. Bernie Frezza**

*Motion 2nd*  
**Chief Thomas P. Tighe**

*Voting Results*  
**Unanimous**

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The Secretary brought it to the attention of the STC Members and Select Designees that he posed the question to the Legal Council of RIDOT the need for Parades, Road Races and Events to come to the STC as a request to use state highways, when these events could go directly to the RIDOT or the RIDOT - Maintenance Division to obtain a permit to use or close a state highway, using local police enforcement.

The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Thursday, September 20, 2007 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:49AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE  
Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Ms. Janis Loiselle  
Acting Chairperson