

APPROVED MINUTES
2/19/2015 SPECIAL MEETING
WESTERN CONNECTICUT
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Held by telephonic communication with public access provided at:
Danbury City Hall, 155 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury, CT; and at WCCOG
Office, Stamford Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Bethel..... First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker, Chairman
Bridgewater..... First Selectman Curtis Read
Brookfield..... First Selectman William Tinsley
Danbury..... Mayor Mark Boughton
Darien..... First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, Vice Chairman

Greenwich..... First Selectman Peter Tesei
New Canaan.... Absent
New Fairfield.... First Selectman Susan Chapman, Secretary
New Milford..... Mayor Patricia Murphy
Newtown..... First Selectman Patricia Llodra

Norwalk..... Absent
Redding..... First Selectman Julia Pemberton
Ridgefield..... First Selectman Rudy Marconi
Sherman..... First Selectman Clay Cope
Stamford..... Absent

Weston..... First Selectman Gayle Weinstein, Treasurer
Westport..... First Selectman James Marpe
Wilton..... First Selectman William Brennan

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Roxane Fromson from CT DOT, Margaret Wirtenberg of Weston, Lynn Waller of Danbury, Richard Schreiner and Stephanie Scavelli of HARTransit, from the WCCOG staff Sue Prosi, Robert Sachnin, Carl Zimmerman, Michael Towle, Candy Acquanita, David Hannon and Jonathan Chew.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM by Chairman Matthew Knickerbocker. The roll was read and a quorum of 15 of WCCOG's 18 members was present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Margaret Wirtenberg of Weston spoke to the need to include pedestrian concerns within the Stamford transportation study to be under review today. Lynn Waller of Danbury stated that the telephonic meeting arrangement being utilized was of poor quality and not favorable to the public.

MINUTES FROM 1/22/2015

After review and on a motion made by Jayme Stevenson and seconded by Rudy Marconi, the minutes of the WCCOG meeting of 1/22/2015 were unanimously approved, with an abstention by Bill Tinsley.

STAMFORD BUS, SHUTTLE AND TRANSPORTATION CENTER STUDY

Sue Prosi presented this item, noting that WCCOG has been awarded supplemental funding to conduct a Stamford Bus, Shuttle and Transportation Center Study.

She explained that the planning project will undertake a comprehensive operational assessment of CT Transit Stamford bus services, shuttles, jitneys, multimodal network features and connections, also related land use and development options.

As for the project's financial impact upon WCCOG, the \$750,000 cost of this project is 100% funded through the Connecticut Department of Transportation. A proposed endorsing resolution, providing authorization to enter into professional services agreements with a preferred consulting team to conduct the study, was cited.

A motion was then made by Pat Murphy and seconded by Rudy Marconi to open the proposed resolution for discussion. A discussion was then held.

That motion was then superseded by a motion, made by Pat Llodra and seconded by Clay Cope, to postpone further further consideration of this topic until the next regular WCCOG meeting, scheduled for March 19th or a special meeting of WCCOG, if such should occur sooner.

A discussion was then held on the motion, where concerns were expressed that there was no representative of the City of Stamford present at the meeting to explain the value to the project and respond to questions.

After further discussion, the motion to postpone was voted, with Bill Brennan opposed and the fourteen other present members voting in favor of the postponement.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jayme Stevenson noted that a revised list of monthly meeting locations would soon be issued. She also requested that WCCOG minutes include the names of audience attendees and Council members agreed to this.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion made by Mark Boughton and seconded by Pat Murphy, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.