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Introduction

This document constitutes the 2014 report of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG) to the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM) and the Connecticut General Assembly's Planning and Development Committee as required by [CGS Sec. 8-31b\(c\)](#). WestCOG began operations on January 1, 2015, replacing the former Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials (HVCEO) and the Southwest Regional Planning Agency (SWRPA). The report gives background information, identifies key milestones in the creation of WestCOG, and includes supporting documents and a map of the Western Connecticut Region in appendices.

About the Western Connecticut Region

As the gateway to New England, Western Connecticut links the dynamic New York City metropolitan area with Connecticut and points beyond. The economic engine of the state, Western Connecticut, accounts for 24% of the state's household earnings despite having only 11% of its municipalities. The region's economic growth—incomes are substantially higher than

elsewhere in Connecticut—means that the region draws workers from and supports families throughout the state. Challenges, including high traffic volumes, result from this vitality. Western Connecticut has the second longest road mileage of any region in the state, yet it also has the state’s worst congestion: at least half of the busiest stretches on I-95 and Route 1 in Connecticut are in the region.

Efforts to address the region’s transportation, economic, and environmental challenges are coordinated by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG), a voluntary association of 18 cities and towns. As the second-largest planning region in Connecticut, and a population that puts it in the 85th percentile of Metropolitan Planning Organizations nationwide, WestCOG has the scale needed to address challenges of this magnitude.

History of WestCOG

Connecticut Public Act 13-247 mandated the restructuring and consolidation of councils of elected officials, such as HVCEO, and regional planning agencies, such as SWRPA, into council of governments, with this action to be accomplished by January 1, 2015.

Following the statute, the chief elected officials of the Housatonic Valley and Southwestern regions, as well as the SWRPA board, voted to consolidate into a new region, Western Connecticut. A letter of intent to merge the two regions and to create WestCOG was sent to OPM September 27, 2014. OPM’s letter accepting the merger and redesignating the Housatonic Valley and South Western Regions into the Western Connecticut Region was dated December 6, 2013. (See Appendix C for copies of the letters between HVCEO/SWRPA and OPM.)

To guide the consolidation, HVCEO and SWRPA established a merger committee and subcommittees with membership from HVCEO, SWRPA, and South Western Region chief elected officials. The committees met from October 2013 through October 2014 to address the complexities and requirements of creating a new organization (WestCOG) and to sunset the HVCEO and SWRPA.

The letter from the Housatonic Valley and South Western Regions dated September 5, 2014 to OPM documented that by that point, eleven (11) of eighteen municipalities had approved ordinances to join the WestCOG. This met the statutory threshold of 60% for designation of a COG and prompted OPM’s reply on September 10, 2014 which recognized and duly established the WestCOG. By 2015, each of the municipalities within WestCOG had approved the necessary ordinances. The member municipalities are: Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Danbury, Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Norwalk, Redding, Ridgefield, Sherman, Stamford, Weston, Westport and Wilton. (*Refer to Appendix A for a map of WestCOG and its member municipalities.*)

The first meeting of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments was held on October 23, 2014. The agenda for that meeting, as well as the following November 20, 2014 meeting were primarily organizational and set up financial accounts, authorized assignment of agreements and contracts from HVCEO and SWRPA to WestCOG, addressed human resources, approved bylaws, established a monthly WestCOG meeting schedule for 2015, and elected the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. The last South Western and Housatonic Valley regional board meetings were held in October 2014 (SWRPA) and December 2014 (HVCEO). A legislative agenda was developed by WestCOG and a successful meeting with legislators was held on December 11, 2014.

Summary of WestCOG SGIA - Funded Activities

Merger Related Administrative Activities

While work on the development of new shared services has begun, as of writing WestCOG has been in operation for fewer than three months. As a consequence, SGIA funds have been utilized to date primarily to create the WestCOG and to sunset SWRPA and HVCEO.

In the immediate future, SGIA funding will continue to support a variety of merger-related transitional activities. The development and implementation of new procedures, new policies, new guidance documents, the combining of accounting systems, a new payroll system, audits for the closeout of two regional organizations, and the WestCOG for the balance of the current fiscal, execution of new MOAs, are but a few of the ongoing tasks necessitated by the merger of two regional organizations.

Specific accomplishments and upcoming administrative activities include:

- IT Systems: IT and telephone systems have been joined together under one account. IT systems have been upgraded and now are hosted in the 'cloud' so *that staff can work region-wide*.
- Financial Activities: A new accounting system was implemented and now resides in the cloud on a secured server. Financial managers have access to the accounting system and are in the process of setting up the new WestCOG organization and developing formats for financial reporting. WestCOG bank accounts have been opened, and both agencies are in process of transferring funds from old accounts into the new ones. Foundational tax ID numbers have been obtained to advance WestCOG payroll and reporting requirements. State of Connecticut 'CORE' accounts have been established so grant money can flow to the new WestCOG account. All active grants have been now assigned to the WestCOG entity. Existing leases on copier/postage meter equipment are being re-assigned to WestCOG. New vendor accounts are being established under WestCOG.

- Pension: New pension product documents have been crafted: (401(a) Employer contribution and 457(b) Employee contribution plans). Pension plans commenced on 1/1/2015. Employees will execute paperwork with pension consultants shortly.
- Liability Insurance: Existing liability policies have been canceled and new policies established for WestCOG.
- WestCOG Human Resource Policies: During December, the WestCOG staff was briefed on newly established Employee Handbook relating to new policies and employee benefits. Pension consultants were present to give an overview of the Plans.
- Audits: Both HVCEO and SWRPA have completed audits for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. In the upcoming months two separate 'stub' audits will commence on financial activity of both agencies for period July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. An additional 'stub' audit will be executed for WestCOG for period January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015.
- WestCOG Website: The URL for WestCOG was obtained: *westernctcog.org*. An interim WestCOG website was launched in November to post necessary information on meetings, minutes, etc. A robust website and WestCOG branding will be developed early in 2015. The existing Housatonic Valley and South Western Region website continue to be active to host contemporary project/study information, reports, and data as well as the historic/archival information about the two regions.

Shared Service Opportunities

SWRPA and HVCEO provided an array of services to their respective regions for over fifty years. A goal of the WestCOG is to ensure that these services, identified as needed by the chief elected officials, will continue in the future. WestCOG and chief elected officials are in the process of combining existing services under WestCOG. New opportunities for shared services are also under development.

Major program areas of service that were provided by each of these regional organizations and will continue include: transportation planning; emergency management planning and support; hazard mitigation activities; environmental planning; economic and community development planning, development of regional plans of conservation and development, technical support to municipalities for municipal plans of development and other technical assistance available from the regions, including grantsmanship as well as GIS for the regions, municipalities and other stakeholders (e.g. CT Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, transit operators). The two regions also conducted regional reviews of referrals in compliance with CT General Statutes Sections 8-3b, 8-26b, and 8-23(g)(4).

A major WestCOG multi-year project was initiated in 2014 after OPM approved the use of the balance of the SWRPA Regional Performance Incentive Grant for GIS to develop the geospatial mapping and data base for the ten (10) towns in the former Housatonic Valley Region. The result will be a rich and seamless geospatial database across the eighteen (18) town WestCOG region.

WestCOG has identified and intends to pursue a number of potential shared service opportunities. These include:

- *Economic development planning and support*
- *GIS services*
- *Expansion of services for emergency management such as regional fire training facilities serving paid and volunteer fire departments*
- *Regional public works services such as treatment and disposition of materials collected by municipalities when cleaning roads and catch basins*
- *Regional maintenance facilities for municipal fleets; to wash municipal trucks and other service vehicles*
- *Regional driver simulator facility(s) for use by Police, Fire, EMS and DPW; and*
- *Regional public safety answering points (PSAP) services.*

Quantifiable Outcomes and Recommendations:

Due to WestCOG's newness, it is not possible to identify quantifiable outcomes and benefits for WestCOG and shared programs at this time. As noted in the report's merger-related activities and accomplishments, the formation and startup process for WestCOG required significant effort and have laid the groundwork for the development of a high-performing region. Future reports will be in a better position to assess the quantifiable outcomes of WestCOG's shared service programs.

Appendices

The following appendices provide supporting information, and include:

Appendix A: Western CT Council of Governments Location and Member Municipalities Map

Appendix B: Municipal Ordinances Supporting Membership in Western CT Council of Governments

Appendix C: Correspondence between the Housatonic Valley and South Western Regions and OPM

- **HVCEO and SWRPA to OPM – Intent to Merge (September 27, 2013)**
- **OPM to HVCEO and SWRPA – Re-designation of Housatonic Valley and South Western Planning Regions into the Western CT Council of Governments (December 6, 2013)**
- **Western CT Region to OPM - Status of Council of Governments Ordinances: 60% Threshold Met - Eleven municipal ordinances approved (September 5, 2014)**
- **Western CT Region to OPM – Update of Status of Ordinances: Thirteen municipal ordinances approved (September 30, 2014)**

- OPM to HVCEO – Recognition of Western CT COG (September 10, 2014)
- OPM to SWRPA - Recognition of Western CT COG (September 10, 2014)

Appendix D: SGIA Funding to Western CT Council of Governments

Appendix E: CT General Statutes Pertaining to Council of Governments

- Sec. 8-31b. Restructure of regional planning agencies and regional councils of elected officials into regional councils of governments
- Sec. 4-124l. Certification of establishment of council. Transitional period. Reversion to regional council of elected officials

Sec. 8-31b. *(See end of section for amended version of subsection (c) and effective date.) **Re-structure of regional planning agencies and regional councils of elected officials into regional councils of governments.** (a) On or before January 1, 2015, each regional planning agency created pursuant to sections 8-31a to 8-37a, inclusive, of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, and each regional council of elected officials created pursuant to sections 4-124c to 4-124h, inclusive, shall be restructured to form a regional council of governments as provided in section 4-124j.

(b) A regional council of governments may accept or participate in any grant, donation or program available to any political subdivision of the state and may also accept or participate in any grant, donation or program made available to counties by any other governmental or private entity. Notwithstanding the provisions of any special or public act, any political subdivision of the state may enter into an agreement with a regional council of governments to perform jointly or to provide, alone or in cooperation with any other entity, any service, activity or undertaking that the political subdivision is authorized by law to perform. A regional council of governments established pursuant to this section may administer and provide regional services to municipalities and may delegate such authority to subregional groups of such municipalities. Regional services provided to member municipalities shall be determined by each regional council of governments and may include, without limitation, the following services: (1) Engineering; (2) inspectional and planning; (3) economic development; (4) public safety; (5) emergency management; (6) animal control; (7) land use management; (8) tourism promotion; (9) social; (10) health; (11) education; (12) data management; (13) regional sewerage; (14) housing; (15) computerized mapping; (16) household hazardous waste collection; (17) recycling; (18) public facility siting; (19) coordination of master planning; (20) vocational training and development; (21) solid waste disposal; (22) fire protection; (23) regional resource protection; (24) regional impact studies; and (25) transportation.

*(c) On January 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, each regional planning agency, regional council of elected officials and regional council of governments, shall submit a report to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to municipalities. Such report shall include the following: (1) A description of any regional program, project or initiative provided or planned by such regional council of governments; (2) a description of any expenditure, including the source of funding, spent on each such regional program, project or initiative and a cost-benefit analysis for such expenditure; (3) a list of existing services provided by a municipality or by the state that, in the opinion of the regional council of governments, could be transferred to such regional council of governments and any efficiency associated with such transfer; (4) a discussion and review of the performance of any regional program, project or initiative, including any recommendations for legislative action; and (5) specific annual goals and objectives

and quantifiable outcome measures for each program, project or initiative administered or provided by such regional council of governments.

(P.A. 13-247, S. 250.)

***Note:** On and after January 1, 2015, subsection (c) of this section, as amended by section 313 of public act 13-247, is to read as follows:

“(c) Beginning on January 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, each regional council of governments shall submit an annual report to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to municipalities. Such annual report shall include the following: (1) A description of any regional program, project or initiative provided or planned by such regional council of governments; (2) a description of any expenditure, including the source of funding, spent on each such regional program, project or initiative and a cost-benefit analysis for such expenditure; (3) a list of existing services provided by a municipality or by the state that, in the opinion of the regional council of governments, could be transferred to such regional council of governments and any efficiency associated with such transfer; (4) a discussion and review of the performance of any regional program, project or initiative, including any recommendations for legislative action; and (5) specific annual goals and objectives and quantifiable outcome measures for each program, project or initiative administered or provided by such regional council of governments.”

Sec. 4-124l. Certification of establishment of council. Transitional period. Reversion to regional council of elected officials. (a) Upon the adoption of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, or upon the ratification of a resolution adopting said sections, as provided in section 4-124j, by any town, city or borough entitled to membership on a regional council of governments, the clerk of such town, city or borough shall immediately prepare and file with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or his designee a certified copy of the adopting or ratifying ordinance, and, upon receipt of such certified ordinances from not less than sixty per cent of all such towns, cities and boroughs within a planning region, said secretary or his designee shall certify to such towns, cities and boroughs and all other eligible towns, cities and boroughs within the planning region, that a regional council of governments has been duly established within such planning region. Any subsequent ordinances adopting the provisions of said sections, or effecting the withdrawal from the council of a member shall be similarly filed. Except as hereinafter provided in this section, upon the establishment of a regional council of governments within a planning region in accordance with said sections, no regional council of elected officials nor regional planning agency shall be subsequently established within such planning region.

(b) If at the time of the adoption or ratification of the provisions of said sections by the requisite sixty per cent majority of all eligible towns, cities and boroughs within a planning region there exists within such planning region a regional council of elected officials, or regional planning agency, or both, the existence and activities of any such regional council of elected officials or regional planning agency shall continue uninterrupted for the duration of a transitional period commencing with the certification of the establishment of the council by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or his designee pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The chief elected officials of each town, city or borough subsequently adopting said sections, or in the absence of a chief elected official, an elected official appointed by the legislative body of any such member, shall constitute a transitional executive committee of the regional council of governments during such transitional period. Any such transitional executive committee acting under this subsection shall have the following authority and responsibilities: (1) To draft and propose bylaws for adoption by the council; (2) to select and propose for election by the council, candidates for offices of the council which may include any one or more members of the transitional committee; (3) to propose staffing arrangements, for adoption by the council; (4) to prepare and propose, for adoption by the council, a program of planning and implementation activities, which shall provide for the assumption of such active programs of any such existing regional council of elected officials or regional planning agency, as such executive committee may deem appropriate and a budget for a period not to exceed one year following such transitional period; (5) to propose, for adoption by the council, the date upon which such transitional period shall terminate, which date shall not be later than one year from the date of certification by the secretary of the office of policy and management, or his designee of the establishment of the council.

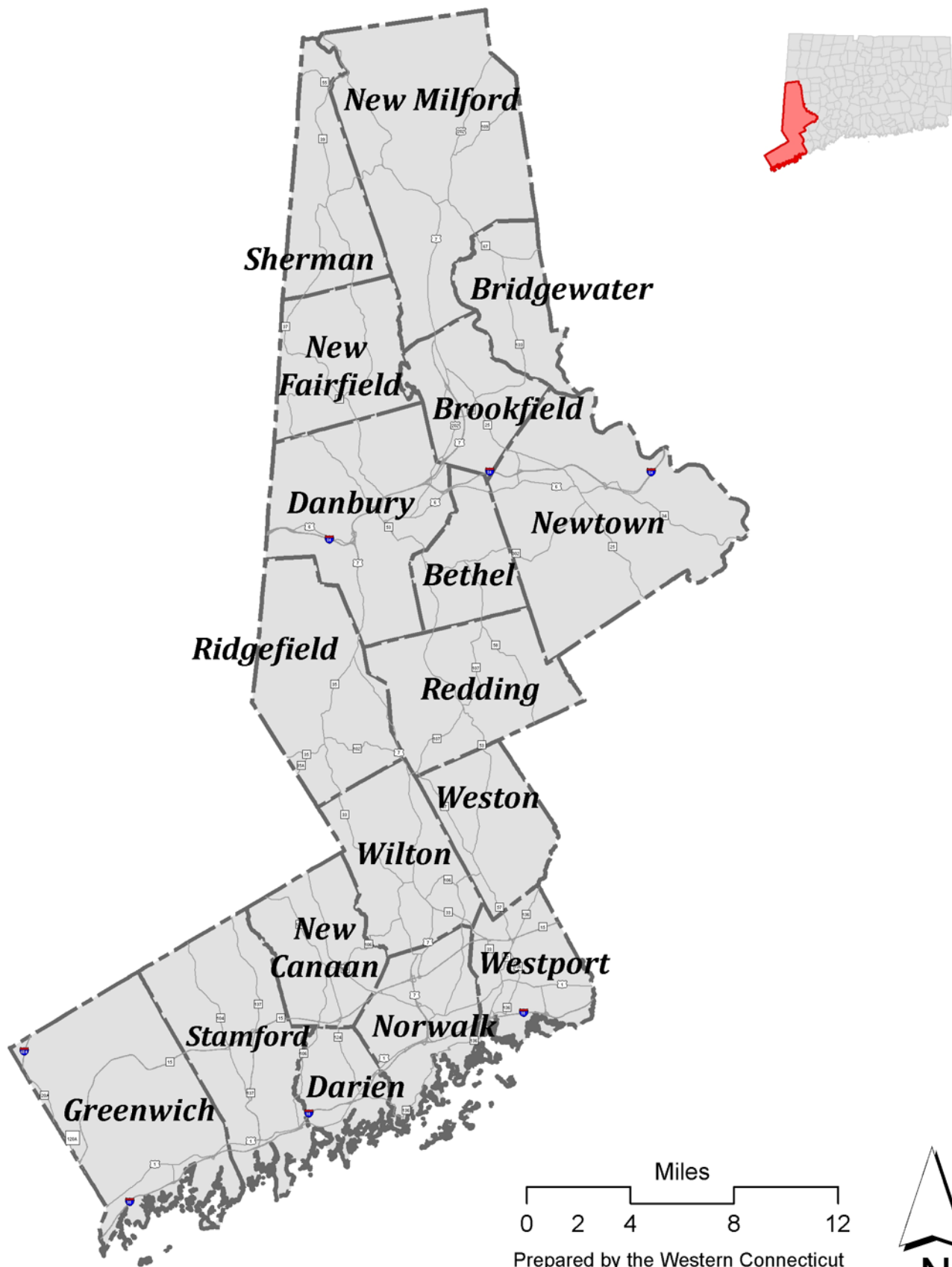
(c) Upon the expiration of the transitional period provided for under subsection (b) of this section, the regional council of governments shall succeed to and be responsible for all of the rights, privileges and obligations, whether statutory or contractual, of any regional council of elected officials, or regional planning agency, or both, within the planning region, and no regional council of elected officials nor regional planning agency shall be subsequently created within such planning region, except as provided in subsection (d) of this section.

(d) If at any time after the establishment within a planning region of a regional council of governments the members of the council shall constitute less than forty per cent of all eligible towns, cities and boroughs within such planning region, the council shall thereafter be deemed a regional council of elected officials without the rights and duties of a regional planning agency for as long as and until the membership of the council shall again constitute not less than sixty per cent of all such eligible cities, towns and boroughs within the planning region. Whenever the members of the council shall constitute less than forty per cent of all such eligible towns, cities and boroughs within the planning region, a regional council of elected officials and a regional planning agency may be established within such region under the general statutes, as amended.

APPENDIX A

Western CT Council of Governments Location Map and Member Municipalities

Western Connecticut Council of Governments



Prepared by the Western Connecticut
Council of Government on 02/17/2015

Western Connecticut Council of Governments
(WestCOG) Populations by Municipality

Place	2013 Total Population	MoE +/-
Bethel	18,887	29
Bridgewater	1,729	110
Brookfield	16,614	28
Danbury	81,967	54
Darien	20,925	60
Greenwich	61,733	39
New Canaan	19,938	41
New Fairfield	14,010	37
New Milford	27,983	27
Newtown	27,772	33
Norwalk	86,499	49
Redding	9,207	34
Ridgefield	24,831	48
Sherman	3,627	23
Stamford	123,995	56
Weston	10,261	24
Westport	26,769	41
Wilton	18,353	30
WestCOG	595,100	112.619
State	3,583,561	****

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates

APPENDIX B

Municipal Ordinances Supporting Membership in Western CT Council of Governments

Region	City/Town	Date of Ordinance
Housatonic Valley	Bethel	09-02-2014
Housatonic Valley	Bridgewater	08-13-2014
Housatonic Valley	Brookfield	09-08-2014
Housatonic Valley	Danbury	12-02-2014
Housatonic Valley	New Fairfield	07-23-2014
Housatonic Valley	New Milford	09-11-2014
Housatonic Valley	Newtown	10-01-2014
Housatonic Valley	Redding	10-20-2014
Housatonic Valley	Ridgefield	07-28-2014
Housatonic Valley	Sherman	<i>(Pending)</i>
South West	Darien	06-09-2014
South West	Greenwich	04-07-2014
South West	New Canaan	06-18-2014
South West	Norwalk	11-25-2014
South West	Stamford	06-12-214
South West	Weston	03-18-2014
South West	Westport	07-09-2014
South West	Wilton	07-08-2014

Chapter 18. WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel, Connecticut ("Town") has heretofore been a designated member municipality of the Housatonic Valley Planning Region; and,

WHEREAS, the Town is a member of the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials ("HVCEO"), a regional council of elected officials and regional planning agency serving the Housatonic Valley Planning Region; and,

WHEREAS, the current member municipalities of the Housatonic Valley Planning Region are the Town, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Danbury, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Redding, Ridgefield, and Sherman; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has determined that a reorganization and redesignation of planning regions shall be completed on or before January 1, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.G.S. § 16a-4c(b) (as amended by Public Act 13-247, § 249), the member municipalities of HVCEO and of the South Western Regional Planning Agency ("SWRPA") have agreed to consolidate the Housatonic Valley Planning Region and the South Western Planning Region into a single planning region; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 6, 2013, the Office of Policy and Management of the State of Connecticut ("OPM") redesignated the Housatonic Valley Planning Region and the South Western Planning Region as the Western Connecticut Planning Region; and,

WHEREAS, Public Act 13-247, § 250 requires that each regional planning agency and regional council of elected officials within a planning region restructure as a single regional council of governments on or before January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, HVCEO and SWRPA have determined, subject to the municipal approvals referred to herein, to restructure themselves as the Western Connecticut Council of Governments, which shall commence operations at the end of the Transitional Period (as defined herein); and,

WHEREAS, the Town desires to participate in the establishment of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments as the regional council of governments for the Western Connecticut Planning Region by (1) approval of an ordinance by its legislative body pursuant to C.G.S. §4-124j adopting C.G.S. §§4-124i through 4-124p; (2) filing by the Town Clerk of a certified copy of the adopting ordinance with the Secretary of OPM; and (3) upon certification by the Secretary of OPM that the Western Connecticut Council of Governments has been duly established as the regional council of governments for the Western Connecticut Planning Region, participating in the

operation of the Transitional Executive Committee of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments during the Transitional Period, as defined herein; and,

WHEREAS, the Town desires to (1) remain a member of HVCEO as it continues to operate and wind down as a council of elected officials and regional planning agency during the Transitional Period, as defined herein, and (2) participate with the other former members of HVCEO after the Transitional Period as an unincorporated association to administer and assume any and all rights, privileges and obligations of HVCEO that the Transitional Executive Committee deems unacceptable for assumption by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, HVCEO has been designated since 1981 pursuant to federal and state law as the Metropolitan Planning Organization ("MPO") for the municipalities comprising HVCEO; and

WHEREAS, on or about June 19, 2014, HVCEO created a transitional MPO board ("Transitional MPO Board") to succeed to the rights and responsibilities of HVCEO as an interim MPO beginning on January 1, 2015 and continuing until a new MPO has been designated for either the former Housatonic Valley Planning Region or the Western Connecticut Planning Region, and the Town desires to have the First Selectman serve as a member of such Transitional MPO Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, AS FOLLOWS:

§18-1. Creation of Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

The Town hereby joins with such other adopting municipalities of the Western Connecticut Planning Region to create a regional council of governments to be known as the Western Connecticut Council of Governments ("WCCOG"), by adopting the provisions of C.G.S. §§4-124i - 4-124P, as amended by Public Act 13-247, and further amended by Public Act 14-217, §§ 228 and 256.

§18-2. Certification by the Secretary of OPM; Transitional Executive Committee and Transitional Period.

- A. Upon certification by the Secretary of OPM that at least sixty percent of the municipalities in the Western Connecticut Planning Region have adopted ordinances creating a regional council of governments, as required by the Connecticut General Statutes, the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall be established.
- B. Upon such certification, a transitional period (hereafter the "Transitional Period") shall commence, and shall conclude no later than January 1, 2015. During such period the First Selectman shall participate as a member of the Transitional Executive Committee, as defined and for the purposes set forth in Section 4-124l(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 14-217, §§ 228 and 256. The legislative body of the Town shall appoint, in the manner provided by ordinance, an elected official to serve as an alternate member of the Transitional Executive Committee in the absence of the First Selectman.

The First Selectman also may send a representative in his or her stead; however, such representative shall not be a member of the Transitional Executive Committee.

- C. Except as provided in Section 6 below, at the conclusion of the Transitional Period, the Transitional Executive Committee shall cease to exist, and the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall succeed to and be responsible for all of the rights, privileges and obligations of HVCEO and SWRPA, whether statutory or contractual, relating to such active programs as may be recommended by the Transitional Executive Committee and adopted by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments following appropriate due diligence and good faith negotiations during the Transitional Period.

§18-3. Membership in the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

At the conclusion of the Transitional Period, the Town shall be a member of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

§18-4. Powers and Duties of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

Except as provided in Section 6 below, the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall have such powers, purposes, rights, duties and responsibilities of regional councils of governments as are set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes, currently and as they hereafter may be amended.

§18-5. Representative to the Western Connecticut Council of Government.

The First Selectman shall be the representative of the Town to the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The legislative body of the Town may appoint, in the manner provided by ordinance, an elected official to serve as an alternate representative in the absence of the First Selectman. The First Selectman may send the alternate to meetings in his or her stead; and the alternate in that instance shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges as the First Selectman. The Town shall notify the Western Connecticut Council of Governments in writing of the appointment of an alternate under this section. Each City/Town shall be entitled to one vote in the affairs of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

§18-6. HVCEO's Continued Existence During Transitional Period.

The Town shall remain a member of HVCEO as it continues to operate and wind down as a regional council of elected officials and regional planning agency until the end of the Transitional Period. After the Transitional Period ends, the Town also may create, together with the other former HVCEO member municipalities, an unincorporated association to assume and administer all rights, privileges and obligations of HVCEO that the Transitional Executive Committee, in its sole discretion, deems unacceptable

for assumption by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The First Selectman shall be the Town's representative to such association.

§18-7. First Selectman to serve on Transitional Metropolitan Planning Organization Board.

The First Selectman shall serve as a member of the Transitional MPO Board, which has been created by HVCEO to temporarily perform the functions of the MPO for the municipalities in the former Housatonic Valley Planning Region beginning on January 1, 2015 and until such time as the Governor redesignates an MPO to serve that former region or the Western Connecticut Planning Region pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 134.

§18-8. Withdrawal from HVCEO; Repeal of Prior Ordinances. Pursuant to § 8-36a of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Town hereby withdraws as a member of HVCEO, effective as of the expiration of the Transitional Period. The following ordinance provisions regarding HVCEO are repealed effective as of the end of the Transitional Period, Ordinance RE: Council of Chief Executives, dated and approved on December 12, 1968, except that the Transitional MPO Board referred to in Section 7 hereof shall continue in existence for such time period as determined by its members.

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TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

**ORDINANCE REGARDING ADOPTION OF
CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §§4-124i - 4-124p
TO JOIN THE WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Bridgewater has heretofore been a designated member municipality of the Housatonic Valley Planning Region; and,

WHEREAS, the Town is a member of the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials ("HVCEO"), a regional council of elected officials and regional planning agency serving the Housatonic Valley Planning Region; and,

WHEREAS, the current member municipalities of the Housatonic Valley Planning Region are Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Danbury, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Redding, Ridgefield, and Sherman; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has determined that a reorganization and redesignation of planning regions shall be completed on or before January 1, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.G.S. § 16a-4c(b) (as amended by Public Act 13-247, § 249), the member municipalities of HVCEO and of the South Western Regional Planning Agency ("SWRPA") have agreed to consolidate the Housatonic Valley Planning Region and the South Western Planning Region into a single planning region; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 6, 2013, the Office of Policy and Management of the State of Connecticut ("OPM") redesignated the Housatonic Valley Planning Region

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and the South Western Planning Region as the Western Connecticut Planning Region;
and,

WHEREAS, Public Act 13-247, § 250 requires that each regional planning agency and regional council of elected officials within a planning region restructure as a single regional council of governments on or before January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, HVCEO and SWRPA have determined, subject to the municipal approvals referred to herein, to restructure themselves as the Western Connecticut Council of Governments, which shall commence operations at the end of the Transitional Period (as defined herein); and,

WHEREAS, the Town desires to participate in the establishment of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments as the regional council of governments for the Western Connecticut Planning Region by (1) approval of an ordinance by its legislative body pursuant to C.G.S. §4-124j adopting C.G.S. §§4-124i through 4-124p; (2) filing by the Town/City Clerk of a certified copy of the adopting ordinance with the Secretary of OPM; and (3) upon certification by the Secretary of OPM that the Western Connecticut Council of Governments has been duly established as the regional council of governments for the Western Connecticut Planning Region, participating in the

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TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

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operation of the Transitional Executive Committee of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments during the Transitional Period, as defined herein; and,

WHEREAS, the Town desires to (1) remain a member of HVCEO as it continues to operate and wind down as a council of elected officials and regional planning agency during the Transitional Period, as defined herein, and (2) participate with the other former members of HVCEO after the Transitional Period as an unincorporated association to administer and assume any and all rights, privileges and obligations of HVCEO that the Transitional Executive Committee deems unacceptable for assumption by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, HVCEO has been designated since 1981 pursuant to federal and state law as the Metropolitan Planning Organization ("MPO") for the municipalities comprising HVCEO; and

WHEREAS, on or about June 19, 2014, HVCEO created a transitional MPO board ("Transitional MPO Board") to succeed to the rights and responsibilities of HVCEO as an interim MPO beginning on January 1, 2015 and continuing until a new MPO has been designated for either the former Housatonic Valley Planning Region or the Western Connecticut Planning Region, and the City desires to have the First Selectman serve as a member of such Transitional MPO Board.

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TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

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CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §§4-124i - 4-124p
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 1. Creation of Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The Town hereby joins with such other adopting municipalities of the Western Connecticut Planning Region to create a regional council of governments to be known as the Western Connecticut Council of Governments ("WCCOG"), by adopting the provisions of C.G.S. §§4-124i - 4-124P, as amended by Public Act 13-247, and further amended by Public Act 14-217, §§ 228 and 256.

Sec. 2 . Certification by the Secretary of OPM; Transitional Executive Committee and Transitional Period.

(a) Upon certification by the Secretary of OPM that at least sixty percent of the municipalities in the Western Connecticut Planning Region have adopted ordinances creating a regional council of governments, as required by the Connecticut General Statutes, the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall be established.

(b) Upon such certification, a transitional period (hereafter the "Transitional Period") shall commence, and shall conclude no later than January 1, 2015. During such period the First Selectman shall participate as a member of the Transitional Executive Committee, as defined and for the purposes set forth in Section 4-124l(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by

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Public Act 14-217, §§ 228 and 256. The legislative body of the Town/City shall appoint, in the manner provided by ordinance, an elected official to serve as an alternate member of the Transitional Executive Committee in the absence of the First Selectman. The First Selectman also may send a representative in his or her stead; however, such representative shall not be a member of the Transitional Executive Committee.

(c) Except as provided in Section 6 below, at the conclusion of the Transitional Period, the Transitional Executive Committee shall cease to exist, and the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall succeed to and be responsible for all of the rights, privileges and obligations of HVCEO and SWRPA, whether statutory or contractual, relating to such active programs as may be recommended by the Transitional Executive Committee and adopted by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments following appropriate due diligence and good faith negotiations during the Transitional Period.

Sec. 3. Membership in the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. At the conclusion of the Transitional Period, the City shall be a member of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

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Sec. 4. Powers and Duties of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. Except as provided in Section 6 below, the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall have such powers, purposes, rights, duties and responsibilities of regional councils of governments as are set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes, currently and as they hereafter may be amended.

Sec. 5. Representative to the Western Connecticut Council of Government. The First Selectman shall be the representative of the Town to the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The legislative body of the Town may appoint, in the manner provided by ordinance, an elected official to serve as an alternate representative in the absence of the First Selectman. The First Selectman may send the alternate to meetings in his or her stead; and the alternate in that instance shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges as the First Selectman. The Town shall notify the Western Connecticut Council of Governments in writing of the appointment of an alternate under this section. Each Town shall be entitled to one vote in the affairs of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

Sec. 6. HVCEO's Continued Existence During Transitional Period. The Town shall remain a member of HVCEO as it continues to operate and wind down as a regional council of elected officials and regional planning agency until the end of the

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Transitional Period. After the Transitional Period ends, the City also may create, together with the other former HVCEO member municipalities, an unincorporated association to assume and administer all rights, privileges and obligations of HVCEO that the Transitional Executive Committee, in its sole discretion, deems unacceptable for assumption by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The Mayor/First Selectman shall be the Town's representative to such association.

Sec. 7. First Selectman to serve on Transitional Metropolitan Planning Organization Board. The First Selectman shall serve as a member of the Transitional MPO Board, which has been created by HVCEO to temporarily perform the functions of the MPO for the municipalities in the former Housatonic Valley Planning Region beginning on January 1, 2015 and until such time as the Governor redesignates an MPO to serve that former region or the Western Connecticut Planning Region pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 134.

Sec. 8. Withdrawal from HVCEO; Repeal of Prior Ordinances. Pursuant to § 8-36a of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Town hereby withdraws as a member of HVCEO, effective as of the expiration of the Transitional Period. The following ordinance provisions regarding HVCEO are repealed effective as of the end of the Transitional Period; Elected Chief Executive [Sections 30.22], except that the

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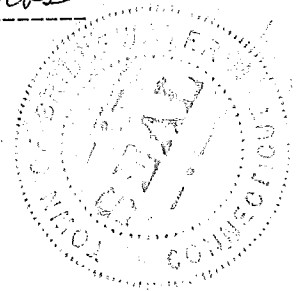
Dated at Bridgewater this 13 day of August, 2014

CERTIFICATION

I, Cheryl L. Pinkos, Town Clerk of the Town of Bridgewater, duly elected and qualified according to law and having custody of the seal of the Town of Bridgewater, hereby certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of an ordinance duly adopted at a Town Meeting held on August 13 2014, and that said ordinance has not been amended, rescinded, or revoked and remains in full force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Bridgewater this 13 day of August, 2014.

Cheryl L. Pinkos



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TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

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Transitional MPO Board referred to in Section 7 hereof shall continue in existence for such time period as determined by its members.

ORDINANCE REGARDING THE WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Sec. 1. *Creation of Western Connecticut Council of Governments.*
Upon the adoption of this ordinance, the Town of Brookfield joins with such other adopting municipalities of the Western Connecticut Planning Region to create a regional council of governments to be known as the Western Connecticut Council of Governments ("WCCOG"), and adopts the provisions of C.G.S. §§4-124i - 4-124P, as amended by Public Act 13-247, and further amended by Public Act 14-217, §§ 228 and 256.

Sec. 2. *Certification by the Secretary of OPM; Transitional Executive Committee and Transitional Period.*

(a) Upon certification by the Secretary of OPM that at least sixty percent of the municipalities in the Western Connecticut Planning Region have adopted ordinances creating a regional council of governments, as required by the Connecticut General Statutes, the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall be established.

(b) Upon such certification, a transitional period (hereafter the "Transitional Period") shall commence, and shall conclude no later than January 1, 2015. During such period the First Selectman shall participate as a member of the Transitional Executive Committee, as defined and for the purposes set forth in Section 4-124l(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 14-217, §§ 228 and 256. The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Brookfield shall appoint, in the manner provided by Charter, an elected official to serve as an alternate member of the Transitional Executive Committee in the absence of the First Selectman. The First Selectman also may send a representative in his or her stead; however, such representative shall not be a member of the Transitional Executive Committee.

(c) Except as provided in Section 6 below, at the conclusion of the Transitional Period, the Transitional Executive Committee shall cease to exist, and the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall succeed to and be responsible for all of the rights, privileges and obligations of HVCEO and SWRPA, whether statutory or contractual, relating to such active programs as may be recommended by the Transitional Executive Committee and adopted by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments following appropriate due diligence and good faith negotiations during the Transitional Period.

Sec. 3. *Membership in the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.* At the conclusion of the Transitional Period, the Town of Brookfield shall be a member of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

Sec. 4. *Powers and Duties of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.* Except as provided in Section 6 below, the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall have such powers, purposes, rights, duties and responsibilities of regional councils of governments as are set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes, and as amended.

Sec. 5. Representative to the Western Connecticut Council of Government. The First Selectman shall be the representative of the Town of Brookfield to the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Brookfield may appoint, in the manner provided by Charter, an elected official to serve as an alternate representative in the absence of the First Selectman. The First Selectman may send the alternate to meetings in his or her stead; and the alternate in that instance shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges as the First Selectman. The Town of Brookfield shall notify the Western Connecticut Council of Governments in writing of the appointment of an alternate under this section. Each Town shall be entitled to one vote in the affairs of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

Sec. 6. HVCEO's Continued Existence During Transitional Period. The Town of Brookfield shall remain a member of HVCEO as it continues to operate and wind down as a regional council of elected officials and regional planning agency until the end of the Transitional Period. After the Transitional Period ends, the Town of Brookfield also may create, together with the other former HVCEO member municipalities, an unincorporated association to assume and administer all rights, privileges and obligations of HVCEO that the Transitional Executive Committee, in its sole discretion, deems unacceptable for assumption by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The First Selectman shall be the Town's representative to such association.

Sec. 7. First Selectman to serve on Transitional Metropolitan Planning Organization Board. The First Selectman shall serve as a member of the Transitional MPO Board, which has been created by HVCEO to temporarily perform the functions of the MPO for the municipalities in the former Housatonic Valley Planning Region beginning on January 1, 2015 and until such time as the Governor redesignates an MPO to serve that former region or the Western Connecticut Planning Region pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 134.

Sec. 8. Withdrawal from HVCEO; Repeal of Prior Ordinances. Pursuant to § 8-36a of the Connecticut General Statutes, as applicable, the Town of Brookfield hereby withdraws as a member of HVCEO, effective as of the expiration of the Transitional Period.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective on the twenty-first (21) day following its adoption and publication as required by law.

Adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Brookfield on September 8, 2014.

William N. Tinsley, First Selectman
Martin E. Flynn, Selectman
William R. Davidson, Selectman



CITY OF DANBURY
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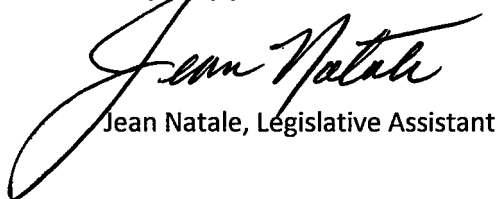
Re: Establishment of WCCOG/Danbury CT

Dear Secretary:

In accordance with CGS Section 4-124I et seq., I hereby enclose certified copies of adopted City of Danbury ordinance section 2-6 through 2-9 and the adopting Resolution of the City Council authorizing actions taken in furtherance.

Please contact us in the event you have any questions, and kindly affirm your receipt of the same.

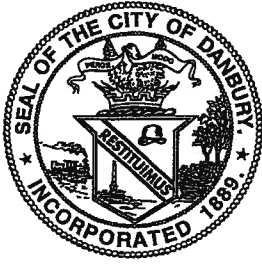
Very truly yours,



Jean Natale, Legislative Assistant

cc: Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Dave Hannan (HVCEO)
Dan Casagrande, Esquire

"WCCOGadoption"



ORDINANCE

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CITY COUNCIL

_____ A.D. 2014

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Danbury:

That the Code of ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended by the addition of (NEW) Sections 2-6, 2-7, 2-8 and 2-9 as follow:

Sec. 2-6. Statement of Purpose.

The City has heretofore been a designated member municipality of the Housatonic Valley Planning Region, and is a member of the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials ("HVCEO"), a regional council of elected officials and regional planning agency serving the Housatonic Valley Planning Region. Pursuant to C.G.S. § 16a-4c(b) (as amended by Public Act 13-247, § 249), the member municipalities of HVCEO and of the South Western Regional Planning Agency ("SWRPA") have agreed to consolidate the Housatonic Valley Planning Region and the South Western Planning Region into a single planning region. On or about December 6, 2013, the Office of Policy and Management of the State of Connecticut ("OPM") redesignated the Housatonic Valley Planning Region and the South Western Planning Region as the Western Connecticut Planning Region. Pursuant to Public Act 13-247, § 250 each regional planning agency and regional council of elected officials within a planning region must restructure as a single regional council of governments on or before January 1, 2015. HVCEO and SWRPA have determined to restructure themselves as the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The City desires to join the Western Connecticut Council of Governments by and through approval of this ordinance.

Sec. 2-7. Creation of Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

(a) The City hereby joins with other adopting municipalities of the Western Connecticut Planning Region to create a regional council of governments to be known as the Western Connecticut Council of Governments, by adopting the provisions of C.G.S. §§4-124i – 4-124p, as amended by Public Act 13-247, and further amended by Public Act 14-217, §§ 228 and 256.

(b) Certification by the Secretary of OPM; Transitional Executive Committee and Transitional Period.

(1) Upon certification by the Secretary of OPM that at least sixty percent of the municipalities in the Western Connecticut Planning Region have adopted ordinances creating a regional council of governments, as required by the Connecticut General Statutes, the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall be established.

(2) Upon such certification, a transitional period (hereafter the "Transitional Period") shall commence, and shall conclude no later than January 1, 2015. During such period the Mayor shall participate as a member of the Transitional Executive Committee, as defined and for the purposes set forth in Section 4-124l(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 14-217, §§ 228 and 256. The City Council may appoint, in the manner provided by

ordinance, an elected official to serve as an alternate member of the Transitional Executive Committee in the absence of the Mayor. The Mayor also may send a representative in his or her stead; however, such representative shall not be a member of the Transitional Executive Committee.

(3) Except as provided in Section 2-8 below, at the conclusion of the Transitional Period, the Transitional Executive Committee shall cease to exist, and the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall succeed to and be responsible for all of the rights, privileges and obligations of HVCEO and SWRPA, whether statutory or contractual, relating to such active programs as may be recommended by the Transitional Executive Committee and adopted by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments following appropriate due diligence and good faith negotiations during the Transitional Period.

(4) Membership in the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. At the conclusion of the Transitional Period, the City shall be a member of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

(5) Powers and Duties of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. Except as provided in Section 2-8 below, the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall have such powers, purposes, rights, duties and responsibilities of regional councils of governments as are set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes, currently and as amended.

(6) Representative to the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The Mayor shall be the representative of the City to the Western Connecticut Council of Governments, and shall have all the powers and authority and be subject to all obligations and restrictions as are set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes, currently and as amended, regarding regional councils of governments. The Mayor may appoint, subject to the approval of the City Council, an elected official for the City to serve as an alternate representative in the absence of the Mayor. The Mayor may send the alternate to meetings in his or her stead; and the alternate in that instance shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges as the Mayor. The City shall notify the Western Connecticut Council of Governments in writing of the appointment of an alternate under this section. The City shall be entitled to one vote in the affairs of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

Sec. 2-8 HVCEO's Continued Existence During Transitional Period.

The City shall remain a member of HVCEO as it continues to operate and wind down as a regional council of elected officials and regional planning agency until the end of the Transitional Period. After the Transitional Period ends, the City also may create, together with the other former HVCEO member municipalities, an unincorporated association to assume and administer all rights, privileges and obligations of HVCEO that the Transitional Executive Committee, in its sole discretion, deems unacceptable for assumption by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The Mayor shall be the City's representative to such association.

Sec. 2-9. Withdrawal from HVCEO. Pursuant to § 8-36a of the Connecticut General Statutes, the City hereby withdraws as a member of HVCEO, effective as of the expiration of the Transitional Period.

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CITY OF DANBURY



RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

December 2 A.D. 2014

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY

RESOLUTION REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF TRANSITIONAL METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR HVCEO MUNICIPALITIES

WHEREAS, the Housatonic Valley of Elected Officials ("HVCEO") has been designated since 1981 pursuant to federal and state law as the Metropolitan Planning Organization ("MPO") for the municipalities comprising HVCEO; and

WHEREAS, on or about June 19, 2014, HVCEO created a transitional MPO board ("Transitional MPO Board") to temporarily succeed to the rights and responsibilities of HVCEO as an interim MPO beginning on January 1, 2015 and continuing until the Governor designates a new MPO for either the former Housatonic Valley Planning Region or the newly established Western Connecticut Planning Region pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 134; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to have the Mayor serve as a member of such Transitional MPO Board.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Mayor or his designee, shall serve as a member of the Transitional MPO Board, with all the rights, duties and responsibilities conferred by federal or state law upon such members. The Transitional MPO Board shall continue in existence for such time period as determined by its members.

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Sean T. [Signature] 12/07/14
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT DATED

TOWN OF NEW FAIRFIELD

ORDINANCE REGARDING ADOPTION OF CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §§4-124i - 4-124p TO JOIN THE WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, the Town of New Fairfield has heretofore been a designated member municipality of the Housatonic Valley Planning Region; and,

WHEREAS, the Town is a member of the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials ("HVCEO"), a regional council of elected officials and regional planning agency serving the Housatonic Valley Planning Region; and,

WHEREAS, the current member municipalities of the Housatonic Valley Planning Region are Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Danbury, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Redding, Ridgefield, and Sherman; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has determined that a reorganization and redesignation of planning regions shall be completed on or before January 1, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.G.S. § 16a-4c(b) (as amended by Public Act 13-247, § 249), the member municipalities of HVCEO and of the South Western Regional Planning Agency ("SWRPA") have agreed to consolidate the Housatonic Valley Planning Region and the South Western Planning Region into a single planning region; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 6, 2013, the Office of Policy and Management of the State of Connecticut ("OPM") redesignated the Housatonic

Valley Planning Region and the South Western Planning Region as the Western Connecticut Planning Region; and,

WHEREAS, Public Act 13- 247, § 250 requires that each regional planning agency and regional council of elected officials within a planning region restructure as a single regional council of governments on or before January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, HVCEO and SWRPA have determined, subject to the municipal approvals referred to herein, to restructure themselves as the Western Connecticut Council of Governments, which shall commence operations at the end of the Transitional Period (as defined herein); and,

WHEREAS, the Town desires to participate in the establishment of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments as the regional council of governments for the Western Connecticut Planning Region by (1) approval of an ordinance by its legislative body pursuant to C.G.S. §4- 124j adopting C.G.S. §§4- 124i through 4- 124p; (2) filing by the Town Clerk of a certified copy of the adopting ordinance with the Secretary of OPM; and (3) upon certification by the Secretary of OPM that the Western Connecticut Council of Governments has been duly established as the regional council of governments for the Western Connecticut Planning Region, participating in the operation of the Transitional Executive Committee of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments during the Transitional Period, as defined herein; and,

WHEREAS, the Town desires to (1) remain a member of HVCEO as it continues to operate and wind down as a council of elected officials and regional

planning agency during the Transitional Period, as defined herein, and (2) participate with the other former members of HVCEO after the Transitional Period as an unincorporated association to administer and assume any and all rights, privileges and obligations of HVCEO that the Transitional Executive Committed deems unacceptable for assumption by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, HVCEO has been designated since 1981 pursuant to federal and state law as the Metropolitan Planning Organization ("MPO") for the municipalities comprising HVCEO; and

WHEREAS, on or about June 19, 2014, HVCEO created a transitional MPO board ("Transitional MPO Board") to succeed to the rights and responsibilities of HVCEO as an interim MPO beginning on January 1, 2015 and continuing until a new MPO has been designated for either the former Housatonic Valley Planning Region or the Western Connecticut Planning Region, and the Town desires to have the First Selectman serve as a member of such Transitional MPO Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 1. Creation of Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

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(b) Upon such certification, a transitional period (hereafter the "Transitional Period") shall commence, and shall conclude no later than January 1, 2015. During such period the First Selectman shall participate as a member of the Transitional Executive Committee, as defined and for the purposes set forth in Section 4-124l(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 14-217, §§ 228 and 256. The First Selectman shall appoint a Selectman to serve as an alternate member of the Transitional Executive Committee in the absence of the First Selectman. The First Selectman also may send a representative in his or her stead; however, such representative shall not be a member of the Transitional Executive Committee.

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Council of Governments following appropriate due diligence and good faith negotiations during the Transitional Period.

Sec. 3. Membership in the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. At the conclusion of the Transitional Period, the Town shall be a member of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

Sec. 4. Powers and Duties of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. Except as provided in Section 6 below, the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall have such powers, purposes, rights, duties and responsibilities of regional councils of governments as are set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes, currently and as they hereafter may be amended.

Sec. 5. Representative to the Western Connecticut Council of Government. The First Selectman shall be the representative of the Town to the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The First Selectman may appoint a Selectman to serve as an alternate representative in the absence of the First Selectman. The First Selectman may send the alternate to meetings in his or her stead; and the alternate in that instance shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges as the First Selectman. The Town shall notify the Western Connecticut Council of Governments in writing of the appointment of an alternate under this section. Each Town shall be entitled to one vote in the affairs of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

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Sec. 8. Withdrawal from HVCEO; Repeal of Prior Ordinances. Pursuant to § 8-36a of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Town hereby withdraws as a member of HVCEO, effective as of the expiration of the Transitional Period, except that the Transitional MPO Board referred to in Section 7 hereof shall continue in existence for such time period as determined by its members.

Dated at New Fairfield, Connecticut this 23rd day of July, 2014

CERTIFICATION

I, Pamela J. Dohan, Town Clerk of the Town of New Fairfield, duly elected and qualified according to law and having custody of the seal of the Town of New Fairfield, hereby certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a Special Town Meeting held on July 22, 2014, and that said resolution has not been amended, rescinded, or revoked and remains in full force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of New Fairfield this 23rd day of July, 2014.

Pamela J. Dohan



TOWN OF NEW MILFORD

ORDINANCE REGARDING ADOPTION OF CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §§4-124i – 4-124p TO JOIN THE WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, the Town of New Milford ("Town") has heretofore been a designated member municipality of the Housatonic Valley Planning Region; and,

WHEREAS, the Town is a member of the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials ("HVCEO"), a regional council of elected officials and regional planning agency serving the Housatonic Valley Planning Region; and,

WHEREAS, the current member municipalities of the Housatonic Valley Planning Region are Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Danbury, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Redding, Ridgefield, and Sherman; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has determined that a reorganization and redesignation of planning regions shall be completed on or before January 1, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.G.S. § 16a-4c(b) (as amended by Public Act 13-247, § 249), the member municipalities of HVCEO and of the South Western Regional Planning Agency ("SWRPA") have agreed to consolidate the Housatonic Valley Planning Region and the South Western Planning Region into a single planning region; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 6, 2013, the Office of Policy and Management of the State of Connecticut ("OPM") redesignated the Housatonic Valley Planning Region

former members of HVCEO after the Transitional Period as an unincorporated association to administer and assume any and all rights, privileges and obligations of HVCEO that the Transitional Executive Committed deems unacceptable for assumption by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, HVCEO has been designated since 1981 pursuant to federal and state law as the Metropolitan Planning Organization ("MPO") for the municipalities comprising HVCEO; and

WHEREAS, on or about June 19, 2014, HVCEO created a transitional MPO board ("Transitional MPO Board") to succeed to the rights and responsibilities of HVCEO as an interim MPO beginning on January 1, 2015 and continuing until a new MPO has been designated for either the former Housatonic Valley Planning Region or the Western Connecticut Planning Region, and the Town desires to have the Mayor serve as a member of such Transitional MPO Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 1. Creation of Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The Town hereby joins with such other adopting municipalities of the Western Connecticut Planning Region to create a regional council of governments to be known as the Western Connecticut Council of Governments ("WCCOG"), by adopting the provisions of C.G.S. §§4-124i - 4-124P, as amended by Public Act 13-247, and further amended by Public Act 14-217, §§ 228 and 256.

Sec. 3. Membership in the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. At the conclusion of the Transitional Period, the Town shall be a member of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

Sec. 4. Powers and Duties of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. Except as provided in Section 6 below, the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall have such powers, purposes, rights, duties and responsibilities of regional councils of governments as are set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes, currently and as they hereafter may be amended.

Sec. 5. Representative to the Western Connecticut Council of Government. The Mayor shall be the representative of the Town to the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The legislative body of the Town may appoint, in the manner provided by ordinance, an elected official to serve as an alternate representative in the absence of the Mayor. The Mayor may send the alternate to meetings in his or her stead; and the alternate in that instance shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges as the Mayor. The Town shall notify the Western Connecticut Council of Governments in writing of the appointment of an alternate under this section. The Town shall be entitled to one vote in the affairs of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

Sec. 6. HVCEO's Continued Existence During Transitional Period. The Town shall remain a member of HVCEO as it continues to operate and wind down as a regional council of elected officials and regional planning agency until the end of the

TOWN OF NEW MILFORD

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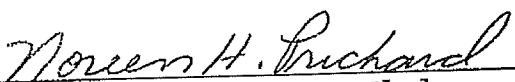


Dated at New Milford, Connecticut this 11th day of September, 2014

CERTIFICATION

I, Noreen H. Prichard, Town Clerk of the Town of New Milford, duly elected and qualified according to law and having custody of the seal of the Town of New Milford, hereby certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of an ordinance duly adopted at a meeting of the Town Council of the Town of New Milford held on Monday September 8, 2014, and that said resolution has not been amended, rescinded, or revoked and remains in full force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of New Milford this 11th day of September, 2014.


Noreen H. Prichard, Town Clerk



TOWN OF NEW MILFORD

DIVISION 3A

**ORDINANCE REGARDING ADOPTION OF
CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §§4-124i - 4-124p
TO JOIN THE WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

PREAMBLE:

WHEREAS, the Town of New Milford ("Town") has heretofore been a designated member municipality of the Housatonic Valley Planning Region; and,

WHEREAS, the Town is a member of the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials ("HVCEO"), a regional council of elected officials and regional planning agency serving the Housatonic Valley Planning Region; and,

WHEREAS, the current member municipalities of the Housatonic Valley Planning Region are Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Danbury, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Redding, Ridgefield, and Sherman; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has determined that a reorganization and redesignation of planning regions shall be completed on or before January 1, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.G.S. § 16a-4c(b) (as amended by Public Act 13-247, § 249), the member municipalities of HVCEO and of the South Western Regional Planning Agency ("SWRPA") have agreed to consolidate the Housatonic Valley Planning Region and the South Western Planning Region into a single planning region; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 6, 2013, the Office of Policy and Management of the State of Connecticut ("OPM") redesignated the Housatonic Valley Planning Region and the South Western Planning Region as the Western Connecticut Planning Region; and,

WHEREAS, Public Act 13-247, § 250 requires that each regional planning agency and regional council of elected officials within a planning region restructure as a single regional council of governments on or before January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, HVCEO and SWRPA have determined, subject to the municipal approvals referred to herein, to restructure themselves as the Western Connecticut Council of Governments, which shall commence operations at the end of the Transitional Period (as defined herein); and,

WHEREAS, the Town desires to participate in the establishment of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments as the regional council of governments for the Western Connecticut Planning Region by (1) approval of an ordinance by its legislative body pursuant to C.G.S. §4-124j adopting C.G.S. §§4-124i through 4-124p; (2) filing by the Town Clerk of a certified copy of the adopting ordinance with the Secretary of OPM; and (3) upon certification by the Secretary of OPM that the Western Connecticut Council of Governments has been duly established as the regional council of

governments for the Western Connecticut Planning Region, participating in the operation of the Transitional Executive Committee of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments during the Transitional Period, as defined herein; and,

WHEREAS, the Town desires to (1) remain a member of HVCEO as it continues to operate and wind down as a council of elected officials and regional planning agency during the Transitional Period, as defined herein, and (2) participate with the other former members of HVCEO after the Transitional Period as an unincorporated association to administer and assume any and all rights, privileges and obligations of HVCEO that the Transitional Executive Committee deems unacceptable for assumption by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, HVCEO has been designated since 1981 pursuant to federal and state law as the Metropolitan Planning Organization ("MPO") for the municipalities comprising HVCEO; and

WHEREAS, on or about June 19, 2014, HVCEO created a transitional MPO board (“Transitional MPO Board”) to succeed to the rights and responsibilities of HVCEO as an interim MPO beginning on January 1, 2015 and continuing until a new MPO has been designated for either the former Housatonic Valley Planning Region or the Western Connecticut Planning Region, and the Town desires to have the Mayor serve as a member of such Transitional MPO Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, AS FOLLOWS:

16A-1. Creation of Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The Town hereby joins with such other adopting municipalities of the Western Connecticut Planning Region to create a regional council of governments to be known as the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (“WCCOG”), by adopting the provisions of C.G.S. §§4-124i - 4-124P, as amended by Public Act 13-247, and further amended by Public Act 14-217, §§ 228 and 256.

16A-2. Certification by the Secretary of OPM; Transitional Executive Committee and Transitional Period.

(a) Upon certification by the Secretary of OPM that at least sixty percent of the municipalities in the Western Connecticut Planning Region have adopted ordinances creating a regional council of governments, as required by the Connecticut General Statutes, the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall be established.

(b) Upon such certification, a transitional period (hereafter the "Transitional Period") shall commence, and shall conclude no later than January 1, 2015. During such period the Mayor shall participate as a member of the Transitional Executive Committee, as defined and for the purposes set forth in Section 4-124l(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 14-217, §§ 228 and 256. The legislative body of the Town shall appoint, in the manner provided by ordinance, an elected official to serve as an alternate member of the Transitional Executive Committee in the absence of the Mayor.

The Mayor also may send a representative in his or her stead; however, such representative shall not be a member of the Transitional Executive Committee.

(c) Except as provided in Section 6 below, at the conclusion of the Transitional Period, the Transitional Executive Committee shall cease to exist, and the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall succeed to and be responsible for all of the rights, privileges and obligations of HVCEO and SWRPA, whether statutory or contractual, relating to such active programs as may be recommended by the Transitional Executive Committee and adopted by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments following appropriate due diligence and good faith negotiations during the Transitional Period.

16A-3. Membership in the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. At the conclusion of the Transitional Period, the Town shall be a member of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

16A-4. Powers and Duties of the Western Connecticut Council of

Governments. Except as provided in Section 6 below, the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall have such powers, purposes, rights, duties and responsibilities of regional councils of governments as are set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes, currently and as they hereafter may be amended.

16A-5. Representative to the Western Connecticut Council of

Government. The Mayor shall be the representative of the Town to the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The legislative body of the Town may appoint, in the manner provided by ordinance, an elected official to serve as an alternate representative in the absence of the Mayor. The Mayor may send the alternate to meetings in his or her stead; and the alternate in that instance shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges as the Mayor. The Town shall notify the Western Connecticut Council of Governments in writing of the appointment of an alternate

under this section. The Town shall be entitled to one vote in the affairs of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

16A-6. HVCEO's Continued Existence During Transitional Period. The

Town shall remain a member of HVCEO as it continues to operate and wind down as a regional council of elected officials and regional planning agency until the end of the Transitional Period. After the Transitional Period ends, the Town also may create, together with the other former HVCEO member municipalities, an unincorporated association to assume and administer all rights, privileges and obligations of HVCEO that the Transitional Executive Committee, in its sole discretion, deems unacceptable for assumption by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The Mayor shall be the Town's representative to such association.

16A-7. Mayor to serve on Transitional Metropolitan Planning Organization Board. The Mayor shall serve as a member of the Transitional MPO

Board, which has been created by HVCEO to temporarily perform the functions of the MPO for the municipalities in the former Housatonic Valley Planning Region beginning on January 1, 2015 and until such time as the Governor redesignates an MPO to serve that former region or the Western Connecticut Planning Region pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 134.

16A-8. Withdrawal from HVCEO; Repeal of Prior Ordinances. Pursuant to § 8-36a of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Town hereby withdraws as a member of HVCEO, effective as of the expiration of the Transitional Period. Sections 16-15 through 16-19 of the Code of Ordinances are repealed effective as of the end of the Transitional Period, except that the Transitional MPO Board referred to in Section 7 hereof shall continue in existence for such time period as determined by its members.

(ORD. OF 9/8/2014)

TOWN OF NEWTOWN

ORDINANCE REGARDING ADOPTION OF CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §§4-124i - 4-124p TO JOIN THE WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, the Town of Newtown has heretofore been a designated member municipality of the Housatonic Valley Planning Region; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newtown is a member of the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials (“HVCEO”), a regional council of elected officials and regional planning agency serving the Housatonic Valley Planning Region; and

WHEREAS, the current member municipalities of the Housatonic Valley Planning Region are Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Danbury, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Redding, Ridgefield, and Sherman; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has determined that a reorganization and redesignation of planning regions shall be completed on or before January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.G.S. § 16a-4c(b) (as amended by Public Act 13-247, § 249), the member municipalities of HVCEO and of the South Western Regional Planning Agency (“SWRPA”) have agreed to consolidate the Housatonic Valley Planning Region and the South Western Planning Region into a single planning region; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 6, 2013, the Office of Policy and Management of the State of Connecticut (“OPM”) redesignated the Housatonic Valley Planning Region and the South Western Planning Region as the Western Connecticut Planning Region; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 13-247, § 250 requires that each regional planning agency and regional council of elected officials within a planning region restructure as a single regional council of governments on or before January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, HVCEO and SWRPA have determined, subject to the municipal approvals referred to herein, to restructure themselves as the Western Connecticut Council of Governments, which shall commence operations at the end of the Transitional Period (as defined herein); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newtown desires to participate in the establishment of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments as the regional council of governments for the Western Connecticut Planning Region by (1) approval of an ordinance by its legislative body pursuant to C.G.S. §4-124j adopting C.G.S. §§4-124i through 4-124p; (2) filing by the Town Clerk of a certified copy of the adopting ordinance with the Secretary of OPM; and (3) upon certification by the Secretary of OPM that the Western Connecticut Council of Governments has been duly established as the regional council of governments for the Western Connecticut Planning Region, participating in the operation

of the Transitional Executive Committee of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments during the Transitional Period, as defined herein; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newtown desires to (1) remain a member of HVCEO as it continues to operate and wind down as a council of elected officials and regional planning agency during the Transitional Period, as defined herein, and (2) participate with the other former members of HVCEO after the Transitional Period as an unincorporated association to administer and assume any and all rights, privileges and obligations of HVCEO that the Transitional Executive Committee deems unacceptable for assumption by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, HVCEO has been designated since 1981 pursuant to federal and state law as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (“MPO”) for the municipalities comprising HVCEO; and

WHEREAS, on or about June 19, 2014, HVCEO created a transitional MPO board (“Transitional MPO Board”) to succeed to the rights and responsibilities of HVCEO as an interim MPO beginning on January 1, 2015 and continuing until a new MPO has been designated for either the former Housatonic Valley Planning Region or the Western Connecticut Planning Region, and the Town of Newtown desires to have the First Selectman serve as a member of such Transitional MPO Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 1. Creation of Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The Town of Newtown hereby joins with such other adopting municipalities of the Western Connecticut Planning Region to create a regional council of governments to be known as the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (“WCCOG”), by adopting the provisions of C.G.S. §§4-124i – 4-124p, as amended by Public Act 13-247, and further amended by Public Act 14-217, §§ 228 and 256.

Sec. 2 . Certification by the Secretary of OPM; Transitional Executive Committee and Transitional Period.

- (a) Upon certification by the Secretary of OPM that at least sixty percent of the municipalities in the Western Connecticut Planning Region have adopted ordinances creating a regional council of governments, as required by the Connecticut General Statutes, the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall be established.
- (b) Upon such certification, a transitional period (hereafter the “Transitional Period”) shall commence, and shall conclude no later than January 1, 2015. During such period the First Selectman shall participate as a member of the Transitional Executive Committee, as defined and for the purposes set forth in Section 4-124(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 14-217, §§ 228 and 256. The legislative body of the Town of Newtown shall appoint, in the manner provided by ordinance, an elected official to serve as an alternate member of the Transitional Executive Committee in the absence of the First Selectman. The First Selectman also

may send a representative in his or her stead; however, such representative shall not be a member of the Transitional Executive Committee.

(c) Except as provided in Section 6 below, at the conclusion of the Transitional Period, the Transitional Executive Committee shall cease to exist, and the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall succeed to and be responsible for all of the rights, privileges and obligations of HVCEO and SWRPA, whether statutory or contractual, relating to such active programs as may be recommended by the Transitional Executive Committee and adopted by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments following appropriate due diligence and good faith negotiations during the Transitional Period.

Sec. 3. Membership in the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. At the conclusion of the Transitional Period, the Town of Newtown shall be a member of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

Sec. 4. Powers and Duties of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. Except as provided in Section 6 below, the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall have such powers, purposes, rights, duties and responsibilities of regional councils of governments as are set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes, currently and as they hereafter may be amended.

Sec. 5. Representative to the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The First Selectman shall be the representative of the Town of Newtown to the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The legislative body of the Town of Newtown may appoint, in the manner provided by ordinance, an elected official to serve as an alternate representative in the absence of the First Selectman. The First Selectman may send the alternate to meetings in his or her stead; and the alternate in that instance shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges as the First Selectman. The Town of Newtown shall notify the Western Connecticut Council of Governments in writing of the appointment of an alternate under this section. Each Town/City shall be entitled to one vote in the affairs of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

Sec. 6. HVCEO's Continued Existence During Transitional Period. The Town of Newtown shall remain a member of HVCEO as it continues to operate and wind down as a regional council of elected officials and regional planning agency until the end of the Transitional Period. After the Transitional Period ends, the Town of Newtown also may create, together with the other former HVCEO member municipalities, an unincorporated association to assume and administer all rights, privileges and obligations of HVCEO that the Transitional Executive Committee, in its sole discretion, deems unacceptable for assumption by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The First Selectman shall be the Town's representative to such association.

Sec. 7. First Selectman to serve on Transitional Metropolitan Planning Organization Board. The First Selectman shall serve as a member of the Transitional MPO Board, which has been created by HVCEO to temporarily perform the functions of the MPO for the municipalities in the former Housatonic Valley Planning Region

beginning on January 1, 2015 and until such time as the Governor redesignates an MPO to serve that former region or the Western Connecticut Planning Region pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 134.

Sec. 8. Withdrawal from HVCEO; Repeal of Prior Ordinances. Pursuant to §8-36a of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Town of Newtown hereby withdraws as a member of HVCEO, effective as of the expiration of the Transitional Period. The following ordinance provisions regarding HVCEO are repealed effective as of the end of the Transitional Period [], except that the Transitional MPO Board referred to in Section 7 hereof shall continue in existence for such time period as determined by its members.

Dated at Newtown, Connecticut this 20th day of October, 2014.

CERTIFICATION

I, Debbie Aurelia Halstead, Town Clerk of the Town of Newtown, duly elected and qualified according to law and having custody of the seal of the Town of Newtown, hereby certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a Legislative Council Meeting held on October 1, 2014, and that said resolution has not been amended, rescinded, or revoked and remains in full force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Newtown this 31th day of October, 2014.


Debbie Aurelia Halstead



Town of Redding

Office of the Town Clerk
100 Hill Road – P.O. Box 1028
Redding, Connecticut 06875

Michele R. Grande, MCTC-CMC
Town Clerk
Kathleen H. Miserendino, CCTC
Deputy Town Clerk

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December 18, 2014

David Hannon, Interim Executive Director
Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials
162 Whisconier Road (Rt. 25)
Brookfield, CT 06804

Dear Dave:

Pursuant to your request, enclosed is a certified copy of the WCOG Ordinance adopted by the Town of Redding on October 20, 2014.

Sincerely,

Michele R. Grande, MCTC-CMC

Enclosure

cc: Julia Pemberton, First Selectman

TOWN OF REDDING

ORDINANCE REGARDING ADOPTION OF CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §§4-124i - 4-124p TO JOIN THE WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, the Town of Redding has heretofore been a designated member municipality of the Housatonic Valley Planning Region; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Redding is a member of the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials ("HVCEO"), a regional council of elected officials and regional planning agency serving the Housatonic Valley Planning Region; and

WHEREAS, the current member municipalities of the Housatonic Valley Planning Region are Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Danbury, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Redding, Ridgefield, and Sherman; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has determined that a reorganization and redesignation of planning regions shall be completed on or before January 1, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Public Act 13-247, § 250 requires that each regional planning agency and regional council of elected officials within a planning region restructure as a single regional council of governments on or before January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, HVCEO and SWRPA have determined, subject to the municipal approvals referred to herein, to restructure themselves as the Western Connecticut Council of Governments, which shall commence operations at the end of the Transitional Period (as defined herein); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Redding desires to participate in the establishment of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments as the regional council of governments for the Western Connecticut Planning Region by (1) approval of an ordinance by its legislative body pursuant to C.G.S. §4-124j adopting C.G.S. §§4-124i through 4-124p; (2) filing by the Town Clerk of a certified copy of the adopting ordinance with the Secretary of OPM; and (3) upon certification by the Secretary of OPM that the Western Connecticut Council of Governments has been duly established as the regional council of governments for the Western Connecticut Planning Region, participating in the operation

of the Transitional Executive Committee of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments during the Transitional Period, as defined herein; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Redding desires to (1) remain a member of HVCEO as it continues to operate and wind down as a council of elected officials and regional planning agency during the Transitional Period, as defined herein, and (2) participate with the other former members of HVCEO after the Transitional Period as an unincorporated association to administer and assume any and all rights, privileges and obligations of HVCEO that the Transitional Executive Committee deems unacceptable for assumption by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, HVCEO has been designated since 1981 pursuant to federal and state law as the Metropolitan Planning Organization ("MPO") for the municipalities comprising HVCEO; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 1. Creation of Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The Town of Redding hereby joins with such other adopting municipalities of the Western Connecticut Planning Region to create a regional council of governments to be known as the Western Connecticut Council of Governments ("WCCOG"), by adopting the provisions of C.G.S. §§4-124i – 4-124p, as amended by Public Act 13-247, and further amended by Public Act 14-217, §§ 228 and 256.

Sec. 2 . Certification by the Secretary of OPM; Transitional Executive Committee and Transitional Period.

- (a) Upon certification by the Secretary of OPM that at least sixty percent of the municipalities in the Western Connecticut Planning Region have adopted ordinances creating a regional council of governments, as required by the Connecticut General Statutes, the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall be established.
- (b) Upon such certification, a transitional period (hereafter the "Transitional Period") shall commence, and shall conclude no later than January 1, 2015. During such period the First Selectman shall participate as a member of the Transitional Executive Committee, as defined and for the purposes set forth in Section 4-124(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 14-217, §§ 228 and 256. The legislative body of the Town of Redding shall appoint, in the manner provided by ordinance, an elected official to serve as an alternate member of the Transitional Executive Committee in the absence of the First Selectman. The First Selectman also

may send a representative in his or her stead; however, such representative shall not be a member of the Transitional Executive Committee.

(c) Except as provided in Section 6 below, at the conclusion of the Transitional Period, the Transitional Executive Committee shall cease to exist, and the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall succeed to and be responsible for all of the rights, privileges and obligations of HVCEO and SWRPA, whether statutory or contractual, relating to such active programs as may be recommended by the Transitional Executive Committee and adopted by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments following appropriate due diligence and good faith negotiations during the Transitional Period.

Sec. 3. Membership in the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. At the conclusion of the Transitional Period, the Town of Redding shall be a member of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

Sec. 4. Powers and Duties of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. Except as provided in Section 6 below, the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall have such powers, purposes, rights, duties and responsibilities of regional councils of governments as are set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes, currently and as they hereafter may be amended.

Sec. 5. Representative to the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The First Selectman shall be the representative of the Town of Redding to the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The legislative body of the Town of Redding may appoint, in the manner provided by ordinance, an elected official to serve as an alternate representative in the absence of the First Selectman. The First Selectman may send the alternate to meetings in his or her stead; and the alternate in that instance shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges as the First Selectman. The Town of Redding shall notify the Western Connecticut Council of Governments in writing of the appointment of an alternate under this section. Each Town/City shall be entitled to one vote in the affairs of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

Sec. 6. HVCEO's Continued Existence During Transitional Period. The Town of Redding shall remain a member of HVCEO as it continues to operate and wind down as a regional council of elected officials and regional planning agency until the end of the Transitional Period. After the Transitional Period ends, the Town of Redding also may create, together with the other former HVCEO member municipalities, an unincorporated association to assume and administer all rights, privileges and obligations of HVCEO that the Transitional Executive Committee, in its sole discretion, deems unacceptable for assumption by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The First Selectman shall be the Town's representative to such association.

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beginning on January 1, 2015 and until such time as the Governor redesignates an MPO to serve that former region or the Western Connecticut Planning Region pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 134.

Sec. 8. Withdrawal from HVCEO; Repeal of Prior Ordinances. Pursuant to §8-36a of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Town of Redding hereby withdraws as a member of HVCEO, effective as of the expiration of the Transitional Period. The following ordinance provisions regarding HVCEO are repealed effective as of the end of the Transitional Period [Chapter 60 of Redding Code of Ordinances], except that the Transitional MPO Board referred to in Section 7 hereof shall continue in existence for such time period as determined by its members.

Dated at Redding, Connecticut this 20th day of October, 2014.

CERTIFICATION

I, Michele R. Grande, Town Clerk of the Town of Redding, duly elected and qualified according to law and having custody of the seal of the Town of Redding, hereby certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a Special Town Meeting held on October 20, 2014, and that said resolution has not been amended, rescinded, or revoked and remains in full force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Redding this 20th day of October, 2014.


Michele R. Grande



TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD

Office of Town Clerk
Barbara Serfilippi, CCTC

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD**

TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD

I, Barbara C. Serfilippi, Town Clerk of said Town, duly elected and qualified according to law and having custody of the seal of said Town, hereby certify that the annexed instrument is a true copy from the

Vol. 19, July 23, 2014 Town Meeting Minutes of said Town, and that the original instrument from which said copy is taken is recorded on Page **71-78** of said volume.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town, this **28th** day of **July** 20**14**.

Barbara Serfilippi
Town Clerk of Ridgefield

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Notice is hereby given that a **Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting** will be held on July 23, 2014 at 7:30 pm in the Town Hall Large Conference Room, 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut to receive comment and act on the modification of the Town of Ridgefield ordinance and adoption of the relevant statutory provisions to establish membership in the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WCCOG), which will replace membership in the current Housatonic Valley Chief Elected Officials (HVCEO) coalition of member municipalities.

The proposed ordinance is available for public inspection in the Office of the First Selectman and the Town Clerk and on the Town of Ridgefield website:
www.ridgefieldct.org

Rudy Marconi
First Selectman



TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD
Office of the First Selectman

July 23, 2014

Ms. Barbara Serfilippi
Town Clerk

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Barbara Serfilippi

This is to affirm that the legal public notice for the two Town Meetings of July 23, 2014 appeared in *The Ridgefield Press* on Thursday, July 17, 2014.

Wendy Cannon Lionetti
Wendy Cannon Lionetti
First Selectman's Office

Special Town Meeting July 23, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the First Selectman, Rudy Marconi, in the Town Hall Large Conference Room of Town Hall.

Mr. Marconi asked for a motion to appoint a Moderator. Barbara Manners made the motion to appoint Ed Tyrrell, and it was seconded by Di Masters.

Vote: "Aye" votes unanimous, and Mr... Tyrrell was appointed Moderator.

Mr. Tyrrell announced that the first item of business was to elect a secretary and asked for a motion to appoint the Town Clerk, Barbara Serfilippi, as secretary. John Katz made the motion, and it was seconded by Barbara Manners.

Vote: "Aye" votes unanimous and Barbara Serfilippi was appointed secretary.

Mr. Tyrrell read the call of the meeting that appears on page 71, establishing membership in the Western Connecticut Council of Governments, which will replace membership in the current Housatonic Valley Chief Elected Officials. (See complete Ordinance on Pg. 73.)

Discussion: None

John Katz moved the question to a vote.

Vote: "Aye" votes carried. 1 "Nay" vote.

The Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn. Barbara Manners made the motion, and it was seconded by Rudy Marconi.

Vote: "Aye" votes unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Serfilippi, Town Clerk

**ORDINANCE REGARDING ADOPTION OF
CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §§4-124i – 4-124p
TO JOIN THE WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgefield has heretofore been a designated member municipality of the Housatonic Valley Planning Region; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgefield is a member of the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials ("HVCEO"), a regional council of elected officials and regional planning agency serving the Housatonic Valley Planning Region; and,

WHEREAS, the current member municipalities of the Housatonic Valley Planning Region are Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Danbury, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Redding, Ridgefield, and Sherman; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has determined that a reorganization and redesignation of planning regions shall be completed on or before January 1, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.G.S. § 16a-4c(b) (as amended by Public Act 13-247, § 249), the member municipalities of HVCEO and of the South Western Regional Planning Agency ("SWRPA") have agreed to consolidate the Housatonic Valley Planning Region and the South Western Planning Region into a single planning region; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 6, 2013, the Office of Policy and Management of the State of Connecticut ("OPM") redesignated the Housatonic Valley Planning Region and the South Western Planning Region as the Western Connecticut Planning Region; and,

WHEREAS, Public Act 13-247, § 250 requires that each regional planning agency and regional council of elected officials within a planning region restructure as a single regional council of governments on or before January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, HVCEO and SWRPA have determined, subject to the municipal approvals referred to herein, to restructure themselves as the Western Connecticut Council of Governments, which shall commence operations at the end of the Transitional Period (as defined herein); and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgefield desires to participate in the establishment of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments as the regional council of governments for the Western Connecticut Planning Region by (1) approval of an ordinance by its legislative body pursuant to C.G.S. §4-124j adopting C.G.S. §§4-124i through 4-124p; (2) filing by the Town Clerk of a certified copy of the adopting ordinance with the Secretary of OPM; and (3) upon certification by the Secretary of OPM that the Western Connecticut Council of Governments has been duly established as the regional council of governments for the Western Connecticut Planning Region, participating in the operation of the Transitional Executive Committee of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments during the Transitional Period, as defined herein; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgefield desires to (1) remain a member of HVCEO as it continues to operate and wind down as a council of elected officials and regional planning agency during the Transitional Period, as defined herein, and (2) participate with the other former members of HVCEO after the Transitional Period as an unincorporated association to administer and assume any and all rights, privileges and obligations of HVCEO that the Transitional Executive Committee deems unacceptable for assumption by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, HVCEO has been designated since 1981 pursuant to federal and state law as the Metropolitan Planning Organization ("MPO") for the municipalities comprising HVCEO; and

WHEREAS, on or about June 19, 2014, HVCEO created a transitional MPO board ("Transitional MPO Board") to succeed to the rights and responsibilities of HVCEO as an interim MPO beginning on January 1, 2015 and continuing until a new MPO has been designated for either the former Housatonic Valley Planning Region or the Western Connecticut Planning Region, and the Town desires to have the First Selectman serve as a member of such Transitional MPO Board:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 1. Creation of Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The Town of Ridgefield hereby joins with such other adopting municipalities of the Western Connecticut Planning Region to create a regional council of governments to be known as the Western Connecticut Council of Governments ("WCCOG"), by adopting the provisions of C.G.S. §§4-124i – 4-124P, as amended by Public Act 13-247, and further amended by Public Act 14-217, §§ 228 and 256.

Sec. 2 . Certification by the Secretary of OPM; Transitional Executive Committee and Transitional Period.

(a) Upon certification by the Secretary of OPM that at least sixty percent of the municipalities in the Western Connecticut Planning Region have adopted ordinances creating a regional council of governments, as required by the Connecticut General Statutes, the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall be established.

(b) Upon such certification, a transitional period (hereafter the "Transitional Period") shall commence, and shall conclude no later than January 1, 2015. During such period the First Selectman shall participate as a member of the Transitional Executive Committee, as defined and for the purposes set forth in Section 4-124l(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 14-217, §§ 228 and 256. The legislative body of the Town shall appoint, in the manner provided by ordinance, an elected official to serve as an alternate member of the Transitional Executive Committee in the absence of the First Selectman. The First Selectman also may send a representative in his or her stead; however, such representative shall not be a member of the Transitional Executive Committee.

(c) Except as provided in Section 6 below, at the conclusion of the Transitional Period, the Transitional Executive Committee shall cease to exist, and the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall succeed to and be responsible for all of the rights, privileges and obligations of HVCEO and SWRPA, whether statutory or contractual, relating to such active programs as may be recommended by the Transitional Executive Committee and adopted by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments following appropriate due diligence and good faith negotiations during the Transitional Period.

Sec. 3. Membership in the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. At the conclusion of the Transitional Period, the Town of Ridgefield shall be a member of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

Sec. 4. Powers and Duties of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. Except as provided in Section 6 below, the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall have such powers, purposes, rights, duties and responsibilities of regional councils of governments as are set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes, currently and as they hereafter may be amended.

Sec. 5. Representative to the Western Connecticut Council of Government.

The First Selectman shall be the representative of the Town to the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The legislative body of the Town may appoint, in the manner provided by ordinance, an elected official to serve as an alternate representative in the absence of the First Selectman. The First Selectman may send the alternate to meetings in his or her stead; and the alternate in that instance shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges as the First Selectman. The Town shall notify the Western Connecticut Council of Governments in writing of the appointment of an alternate under this section. Each Town shall be entitled to one vote in the affairs of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

Sec. 6. HVCEO's Continued Existence During Transitional Period. The Town shall remain a member of HVCEO as it continues to operate and wind down as a regional council of elected officials and regional planning agency until the end of the Transitional Period. After the Transitional Period ends, the Town also may create, together with the other former HVCEO member municipalities, an unincorporated association to assume and administer all rights, privileges and obligations of HVCEO that the Transitional Executive Committee, in its sole discretion, deems unacceptable for assumption by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The First Selectman shall be the Town's representative to such association.

Sec. 7. First Selectman to serve on Transitional Metropolitan Planning Organization Board. The First Selectman shall serve as a member of the Transitional MPO Board, which has been created by HVCEO to temporarily perform the functions of the MPO for the municipalities in the former Housatonic Valley Planning Region beginning on January 1, 2015 and until such time as the Governor redesignates an MPO to serve that former region or the Western Connecticut Planning Region pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 134.

Sec. 8. Withdrawal from HVCEO; Repeal of Prior Ordinances. Pursuant to § 8-36a of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Town hereby withdraws as a member of HVCEO, effective as of the expiration of the Transitional Period. The following ordinance provisions regarding HVCEO are repealed effective as of the end of the Transitional Period [Sections _____], except that the Transitional MPO Board referred to in Section 7 hereof shall continue in existence for such time period as determined by its members.



I, DONNA E. RAJCZEWSKI, THE TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF DARIEN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE COPY OF THE ORDINANCE PASSED AT THE MEETING OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING ON JUNE 9, 2014.

Donna E. Rajczewski (Signature)
Town Clerk

DATE July 16, 2014

**NOTICE OF ENACTMENT
OF AMENDMENT
OF DARIEN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES**

Sec. 1. The Town of Darien hereby agrees to join the Western Connecticut Regional Council of Governments, pursuant to G.S. §4-124i through 4-124p, as amended.

Sec. 2. The Town of Darien will join the Western Connecticut Regional Council of Governments when and as such Council is duly established in accordance with said statutes. Western Connecticut Regional Council of Governments may be duly established if sixty (60%) percent of all municipalities within the new planning region vote to join the new Western Connecticut Regional Council of Governments and upon certification by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management that a Regional Council of Governments has been duly established.

Sec. 3. The first selectman shall represent the Town of Darien on the Western Connecticut Regional Council of Governments. In addition, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint one of its members as an alternate representative. The alternate shall serve a term of two (2) years or for the balance of the term of their elected office, whichever is less.

Sec. 4. Upon the establishment of the Western Connecticut Regional Council of Governments and the expiration of a transitional period provided for in G.S. 4-124l, the Town does hereby rescind the ordinance of January 15, 1962 and any amendments thereto, that authorized the Town's participation in the South Western Regional Planning Agency. Specifically, Chapter 54, Article III, Sec. 54-41 to 54 -43.

Effective June 23, 2014



TOWN OF GREENWICH

ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FORMATION OF A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

1. The Town of Greenwich hereby adopts Connecticut General Statutes, §§4-124i through 4-124p, as amended, providing for the formation of a Regional Council of Governments, and does hereby join such Regional Council of governments when and as such council is duly established in accordance with said statutes. Said Council shall be established upon the adoption of said statutes by not less than sixty percent of all municipalities within the Town's planning region as defined or redefined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or his designee, and upon certification by the Secretary or his designee that a Regional Council of Governments has been duly established.

2. The First Selectman shall represent the Town on the Regional Council of Governments. In addition, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint one of its members as an alternate representative to the Regional Council of Governments. The alternate shall serve a term of two years or for the balance of the term of his elected office, whichever is sooner.

This ordinance was approved on April 7, 2014.

Peter J. Tesei
First Selectman

ATTEST:

CARMELLA C. BUDKINS
TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF NEW CANAAN

TOWN HALL, 77 MAIN STREET
NEW CANAAN, CT 06840

ROBERT E. MALLOZZI III
FIRST SELECTMAN

TEL: (203) 594-3000
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Town Council Approval of Ordinance on Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Regional Council of Governments

§___ Adoption of General Statutes; Authority to join

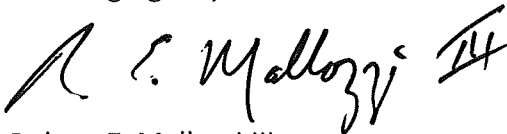
The Town of New Canaan hereby adopts Connecticut General Statutes, §§ 4-124i through 4-124p, as amended, providing for the formation of a Regional Council of Governments, and does hereby join such Regional Council of Governments when and as such council is duly established in accordance with said statutes, upon the adoption of said statutes by not less than sixty percent of all municipalities within the Western Connecticut planning region as defined or redefined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or his designee, and upon certification by the Secretary or his designee that a Regional Council of Governments has been duly established.

§___ Appointment of Representatives

The First Selectman shall represent the Town on the Regional Council of Governments. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint one of its members as an alternate representative to the Regional Council of Governments. An alternate representative shall serve a term of two years or for the term of their elected office, whichever is sooner.

§___

Upon the establishment of a Regional Council of Governments and the expiration of a transitional period provided for in Connecticut General Statutes § 4-124l, the Town does hereby repeal Chapter 50 of the Code, entitled "Regional Planning Agency" that authorizes the Town's participation in the South Western Regional Planning Agency.

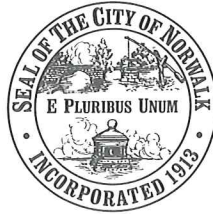


Robert E. Mallozzi III
First Selectman

CITY OF NORWALK

LAW DEPARTMENT

CITY HALL, P.O. Box 798
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT 06856-0798



TELEPHONE
(203) 854-7750
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December 12, 2014

Ms. Donna Stone, Administrative Assistant
Western CT Council of Governments
888 Washington Boulevard - 3rd Floor
Stamford, Connecticut 06901

Re: **Chapter 89 – Council of Governments**

Dear Ms. Stone:

As you have requested, I have enclosed a sealed copy of the City of Norwalk's Council of Governments ordinance.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

Brian L. McCann
Assistant Corporation Counsel

/ia
Enclosure

Chapter 89 - Council of Governments

§89-1. Adoption of ordinance

The City of Norwalk hereby adopts Connecticut General Statutes, §§ 4-124i through 4-124p, as amended, providing for the formation of a Western Connecticut Council of Governments, and does hereby join such Western Connecticut Council of Governments.

§89-2. Representation

The Mayor shall represent the City on the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The Mayor shall designate an elected official of the City of Norwalk as an alternate representative to the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. The Common Council shall appoint one of its members as an alternate representative to the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. An alternate representative shall serve a term of two years or for the term of their elected office, whichever is shorter.¹

§89-3. Withdrawal from SWRPA

Upon the establishment of a Regional Council of Governments and the expiration of a transitional period provided for in Connecticut General Statutes § 4-124l, the City does hereby rescind the ordinance, and any amendments thereto, that authorized the City's participation in the South Western Regional Planning Agency.

§89-4. Withdrawal from WCCOG

If, at any time, the Western Connecticut Council of Governments attempts to supersede any of the powers reserved to the City of Norwalk, and its boards and officials, by Ordinance, Charter, or Regulation, then the Common Council shall enact an Ordinance pursuant to C.G.S. §4-124j withdrawing from the Western Connecticut Council of Governments, said Ordinance shall require a simple majority vote from Common Council to become effective.

§89-5. Authority

Notwithstanding the above, joining the Western Connecticut Council of Governments shall not abrogate the powers of the Mayor or Common Council. Any approval or action by the Mayor, or his alternate representative, which, according to Charter or City Code requires Common Council, and or any board, agency or commission's approval shall remain in full force and effect.

Appendix D

SGIA Funding to Western CT Council of Governments

Western CT Council of Governments State Grant-in-Aid Formula Funding for FY2015

Region	Base Payment	Population 2010 Census	Per Capita Factor	Supplemental Payment	Total SGIA FY2015	9/1/2014 Payment	11/1/2014 Payment	3/1/2015 Payment	6/1/2015 Payment
Western CT COG	250,000	589,135	\$0.50	\$294,567.50	\$544,567.50	\$136,141.88	\$136,141.87	\$136,141.88	\$136,141.87

Pursuant to Sec. 4-66kc of the Connecticut General Statutes proscribed the formula for COG funding. Regions that voluntarily consolidated prior to 1/1/14 receive an additional \$125,000 base payment, per Section 251 of Public Act 13-247

The funding formula is derived from the CTOPM Publication issued to CT Regional Planning Organizations in FY14-15

APPENDIX E

CT General Statutes Pertaining to Council of Governments

¹Conn. Gen. Stat. §4-124k authorizes as an alternate representative “an elected official appointed in the manner provided by ordinance of the legislative body of such member” but does not specify the manner. The proposed Western Connecticut COG by-laws would authorize that “[t]he Chief Elected Official of a member municipality may appoint in writing an interim alternate who shall, in the absence of the Chief Elected Official, have the same rights and privileges as the Representative.”

ORDINANCE NO 1172
JOINING A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, the South Western Regional Planning Agency and the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials recently agreed to a voluntary merger of their respective planning regions and requested the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management to formally re-designate the consolidated region as the Western Connecticut Planning Region; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management re-designated the South Western and Housatonic Valley Planning Regions as the new Western Connecticut Planning Region on December 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford is now eligible to become a member of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

In accordance with Section 8-36a and Section 4-124j of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section 249 of Public Act 13-247:

1. A new Chapter be added to the Code of Ordinances as follows:

CHAPTER 55 – REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Sec. 55-1. Joining of Council.

The City of Stamford hereby adopts Connecticut General Statutes, §§4-124i through 4-124p, as amended, providing for the formation of a Regional Council of Governments, and does hereby join such the Regional Council of Governments for the Western Connecticut planning region when such council is duly established in accordance with said statutes, upon the adoption of said statutes by not less than sixty percent of all municipalities within the Western Connecticut planning region as defined or redefined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or his designee, and upon certification by the Secretary or his designee that a Regional Council of Governments has been duly established.


Sec. 55-2. Local Representation.

- a. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-124k, the Mayor shall represent the City on the Regional Council of Governments.
- b. The Board of Representatives shall appoint one of its members as an alternate representative to the Regional Council of Governments. The alternate representative shall serve a term of two years or for the balance of their elected office, whichever is sooner.


Sec. 55-3. Repeal of provisions.

Upon the establishment of a Regional Council of Governments and the expiration of a transitional period provided for in Connecticut General Statutes §4-124l, Sections 54-1 through 54-5 of the Code of Ordinances shall be repealed.


Randall M. Skigen, President, and Annie M. Summerville, Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was approved by a machine vote of 28-2-3 by the 29th Board of Representatives at the Meeting held on Monday, June 2, 2014.



Randall M. Skigen, President
Dated this 9th day of June, 2014



Annie M. Summerville, Clerk
Dated this 5th day of June, 2014



David R. Martin, Mayor, City of Stamford
Dated this 12th day of June, 2014

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 22, 2014

cc: Mayor David R. Martin
Jim Hricay, Director of OPM
Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations
Michael Handler, Director of Administration
Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Law Department
Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare
Donna Loglisci, Town Clerk



Chapter 167: REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

§ 167-1 Adoption of statute

§ 167-2 Designated Representative

§ 167-1 Adoption of statute

Pursuant to the provisions of §§ 4-124i through 4-124p of the Connecticut General Statutes, providing for the formation of a Regional Council of Governments, the Town joins the Western Regional Council of Governments to be formed by the joining of the Southwestern Regional Planning Agency and the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials as defined or redefined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or designee and upon certification by the Secretary or designee that a Regional Council of Governments has been duly established.

§ 167-2 Designated Representative

A. The First Selectman shall represent the Town on the Regional Council of Governments. In addition the Board of Selectmen shall appoint an alternate member to the Regional Council of Governments. An alternate shall serve for a term of two years or such other period as determined by the Board of Selectmen.

B. Alternates under this section shall continue to serve after expiration of their terms until their successors are appointed and take office. Alternates may be reappointed for successive terms. Terms of office of initial appointees shall commence upon establishment of said Regional Council of Governments.

Approved 2/24/14

Effective 3/18/14

I certify that this ordinance was approved and become effective on March 18, 2014

Ellen Jones, Assistant Town Clerk



WESTPORT CONNECTICUT

PATRICIA H. STRAUSS

TOWN CLERK

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

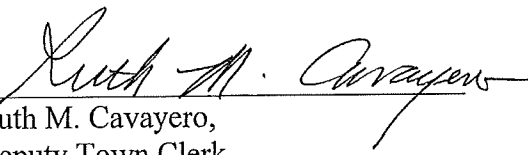
I, Ruth M. Cavayero, the duly qualified Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of Westport, Connecticut, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the following resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Representative Town Meeting, held on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and is on file and of record, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and

RESOLVED: That upon the request of the First Selectman, the amendment to Section 2-2 of the Code of Ordinances entitled "Membership in Regional Planning Agency established" authorizing the Town to join a successor to the South Western Regional Planning Agency, is hereby approved. (Second reading. Full text is as follows.)

Sec. 2-2. Membership in Regional Planning Agency established.

Pursuant to the provisions of C.G.S. §8-31a, the Town hereby adopts C.G.S. Ch. 127 (C.G.S. §8-31a et seq.) and joins the South Western Regional Planning Agency, or any successor thereto, as defined or redefined by the Office of Policy and Management under the provisions of C.G.S. §16a-4a.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has affixed her signature and the municipal seal of the Town of Westport this 9th day of July 2014.


Ruth M. Cavayero,
Deputy Town Clerk

SEAL

OFFICE OF THE
FIRST SELECTMAN

Telephone (203) 563-0100
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William F. Brennan
First Selectman

Harold E. Clark
Second Selectman

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James A. Saxe

TOWN HALL
238 Danbury Road
Wilton, CT 06897

**RESOLUTION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE SOUTH WESTERN REGIONAL
PLANNING AGENCY AND TO JOIN THE WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF
GOVERNMENTS**

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE TOWN OF WILTON, THAT WHEREAS, the South Western Regional Planning Agency and the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials recently agreed to a voluntary merger of their respective planning regions and requested the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management to formally re-designate the consolidated region as the Western Connecticut Planning Region; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management re-designated the South Western and Housatonic Valley Planning Regions as the new Western Connecticut Planning Region on December 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilton is now eligible to become a member of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Connecticut General Statutes Sections 4-124(i) through 4-124(p), the Wilton Board of Selectmen is desirous of having the Town join the Western Connecticut Council of Government and to amend the provisions of Chapter 25A of the Wilton Code to reflect same.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to authority under the Town Charter, it is ordained this 7th day of April, 2014, by the Board of Selectmen that the following ordinance is hereby enacted and adopted, in accordance with Section 8-36a and Section 4-124j of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section 249 of Public Act 13-247.

The Town of Wilton hereby declares its intent to withdraw from the South Western Regional Planning Association on June 30, 2014, and that such withdrawal will be final six months thereafter on December 31, 2014.

Furthermore, the Town of Wilton hereby votes to join the Western Connecticut Council of Governments, effective January 1, 2015 and toward that end, formally adopts Sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 4-124j of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Town of Wilton hereby provides that the First Selectman shall present the Town on the Regional Council of Governments. In addition, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint an alternative member to the Regional Council of Governments and said alternate shall serve for a term of two years or such other period as determined by the Board of Selectmen. Alternates under this section shall continue to serve after their expiration of the terms until their successors are appointed and take office.

Upon the expiration of the aforesaid transitional period, or January 1, 2015, Section 25A of the Wilton Code shall be repealed.

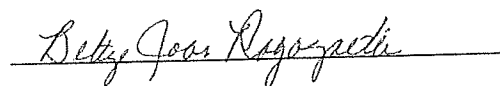
Dated at Wilton this 7th day of April 2014

CERTIFICATION

I Bettye Ragognetti, Town Clerk of the Town of Wilton, CT duly elected and qualified according to law and having custody of the seal of the Town of Wilton, CT, hereby certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting held on April 7, 2014, and that said resolution has not been amended, rescinded, or revoked and remains in full force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Wilton this 8th Day of July, 2014.

(Town seal)



Town Clerk, Town of Wilton

APPENDIX C

HOUSATONIC VALLEY & SOUTH WESTERN REGION AND CT OPM CORRESPONDENCE

Item	Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter to CT Office of Policy & Management (CT OPM) from South Western Regional Planning Agency (SWRPA) and Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials (HVCEO) stating intent to Merge and become Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 27, 2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from CT OPM Acknowledging Merger Intent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 6, 2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from SWRPA and HVCEO to CT OPM re. Majority of Municipalities. Letter from SWRPA and HVCEO to CT OPM Updating Status of COG Ordinances. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 5, 2014 September 30, 2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from CT OPM to SWRPA Recognizing WCCOG. Letter from CT OPM to HVCEO Recognizing WCCOG. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 10, 2014 September 10, 2014



Benjamin Barnes, Secretary
Intergovernmental Policy Division
CT Office of Policy and Management
450 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106-1308

September 27, 2013

Dear Secretary Barnes:

The Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials (HVCEO) and the South Western Regional Planning Agency (SWRPA) hereby petition the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (CTOPM) to redesignate the Housatonic Valley Region and the South Western Region into a single consolidated planning region.

The new region will include Stamford, Greenwich, Darien, New Canaan, Wilton, Weston, Westport, Norwalk, Bethel, Ridgefield, Newtown, Redding, Danbury, Brookfield, New Fairfield, Sherman, New Milford and Bridgewater for a total of 18 municipalities encompassing one sixth of Connecticut's population.

We have determined that the municipalities of the South Western Region and the Housatonic Valley Region have a common character which creates a compatible regional merger. Residents of both regions live, work and relax in each other's area. Because we are demographically similar, our land use, housing, transportation, and approaches to municipal management are in alignment.

The proposed consolidated region has a history of cooperation on regional planning matters such as promoting upgrades to the infrastructure of the Danbury Branch rail line, supporting the design and implementation of the Route 7 Land Use Study, collaborating on a 38 mile multi-purpose trail from Danbury to Norwalk, and sharing the Route 7 bus service cooperatively run by the Norwalk Transit District and the Housatonic Area Regional Transit District.

In addition we have jointly protected the water supply watersheds that we share, have requested federal funding for an Army Corp of Engineer's "Reconnaissance Study" of rivers in the expanded region, and have held conversations regarding establishing a regional dispatch.

Further, strong joint regional collaboration efforts were established in challenging the FAA rerouting plan for landing patterns, which would have substantially increased the noise levels in both regions.

These examples are a foundation for a strong unified region and an effective council of governments.

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) Chapter 249 §16a-4c(b), this merger is being pursued voluntarily prior to January 1, 2014. It is our understanding that this action exempts our regions from CTOPM redesignation described in CGS Chapter 249 §16a-4c(a).

SWRPA/MPO is aware that the Greater Bridgeport Region passed a resolution petitioning OPM to merge with SWRPA. That action by Greater Bridgeport was unilateral and is not supported by SWRPA.

This transmittal provides the following documents that support consolidation of the regions:

- HVCEO Resolution dated September 19, 2013
- SWRPA Resolution dated September 9, 2013
- SWRMPO Resolution dated August 29, 2013
- SWRMPO Resolution dated September 26, 2013
- Maps of current and proposed regional boundaries

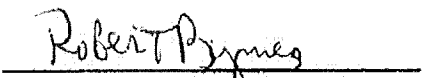
We look forward to your approval of the requested redesignation. Please confirm receipt of this communication, and provide information on the next steps and timetable for redesignation to become recognized formally by the State of Connecticut.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Matthew Knickerbocker, Chairman, Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials
on behalf of Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Danbury, New Fairfield,
New Milford, Newtown, Redding, Ridgefield and Sherman



Robert Bymes, Chairman, South Western Regional Planning Agency
on behalf of Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Norwalk, Stamford,
Weston, Westport and Wilton (Acting Chairman)

cc:

- David LeVasseur, Undersecretary, Intergovernmental Policy, OPM
- HVCEO Chief Elected Officials
- SWRPA Board Members
- SWRMPO Chief Elected Officials
- Jonathan Chew, Executive Director, Housatonic Valley CEO
- Floyd Lapp, Executive Director, South Western RPA

9/19/2013 MINUTES EXCERPT**HVCEO ENDORSEMENT OF
MERGER APPLICATION WITH
SWRPA IS ITEM 6 BELOW****REGIONAL BOUNDARY COMMITTEE REPORT**

The five Committee members, Matt Knickerbocker, Curtis Read, Mark Boughton, Susan Chapman and Ridgefield Rudy Marconi, then gave their report. It included the following recommendations:

1. SELECTION OF REGION FOR MERGER NEGOTIATIONS

Of the adjacent regions having common interests with the Housatonic Valley Region, based upon the HVCEO research report dated 1/17/2013 and entitled "Boundary Review for the Greater Danbury Region" the Committee's conclusion is that the South West Region has the most interregional ties.

2. AUTHORIZE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOUTH WEST REGION

At the 8/15 HVCEO meeting four municipal chief executives from the South West Region proposed creation of a joint committee from each region to plan a merger. We recommend that this invitation be accepted on 9/19, with the current committee empowered to conduct the negotiations.

3. OBTAIN BENEFIT OF PROACTIVE MERGER

If HVCEO self-selects a merger partner prior to 12/31/2013, it avoids a potentially adverse state order to merge in another direction. This is an incentive provision in the regional reorganization statute.

Use of this early decision provision to avoid a state order requires a minimum of 14 municipalities within a new, larger region. The proposed merger of HVCEO with SWRPA yields 18 municipalities and would include a substantial one sixth of Connecticut's population.

The statute also offers bonus operating funds if the early decision self-selection provision is utilized. We should seek to qualify for those funds.

4. NOTIFY OPM OF NEGOTIATIONS PRIOR TO 10/1

While the statutory authorization, to self-select a merger partner extends until 12/31, on 10/1 OPM releases a draft of its merger plan. It would be advantageous to see the proposed 18 town region incorporated into that draft CT OPM plan, rather than find ourselves possibly opposed to a less acceptable draft state plan.

5. AUTHORIZE JOINT APPLICATION TO OPM

That the Council authorize a joint application with SWRPA to OPM for formal HVCEO – SWRPA planning boundary consolidation.

There was considerable discussion of the Committee's recommendations. It was agreed that while SWRPA is a desirable merger partner, the Danbury Area will still need to have its separate communications and, for some variables such as DEMHS Region 5 emergency management, subregional planning.

There was additional discussion, with members agreeing with Chairman Knickerbocker's overview that the merger with SWRPA is "the least painful way of doing something we didn't want to do to begin with."

Then on a motion made by Rudy Marconi and seconded by Pat Murphy, members endorsed the committee's five recommendations.

**Resolution of the
South Western Regional Planning Agency**

Supporting the Merger of South Western Region with Housatonic Valley Region

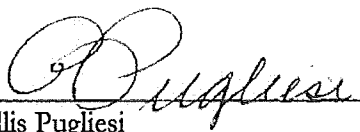
Stamford, Connecticut

I, Phyllis Pugliesi, Secretary of the South Western Regional Planning Agency, (the "Agency"), certify that the following is a true copy of the vote of the Agency at its meeting on September 9, 2013 in Stamford, Connecticut, a quorum being present:

RESOLVED, that the South Western Regional Planning Agency hereby supports, in conjunction with the South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization, the desirability of a merger with the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials.

This resolution remains in full force and effect as of September 9, 2013.

Dated at Stamford, Connecticut on this Ninth Day of September 2013.



Phyllis Pugliesi
Secretary

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**Resolution#2013-012 South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization Support
for Consolidation of South Western Region with Housatonic Valley
Region – August 29, 2013**

Be it resolved that the South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby:

Strongly urges the South Western Regional Planning Agency board to consider a merger with the
Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials.

This resolution is effective August 29, 2013.

Date: August 29, 2013



Gordon Joseloff
Chairman

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**Resolution#2013-016 Support for the Voluntary Consolidation of the South Western Region
with the Housatonic Valley Region and Redesignation of the Planning
Region by the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management –
September 26, 2013**

WHEREAS,

South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (SWRMPO) is composed of the chief elected officials of the municipalities of Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Norwalk, Stamford, Weston, Westport and Wilton, along with representatives from the region's transit districts, and operates under 23 U.S.C. § 134 (2013).

WHEREAS,

SWRMPO has examined the statutes governing redesignation of planning regions by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management contained at Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16a-4c(b) (2013) and has determined that a voluntary consolidation of the South Western Region and Housatonic Valley Region is desirable;

WHEREAS,

This voluntary consolidation will exempt the South Western Region and Housatonic Valley Region from redesignation by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management according to the procedure set forth at Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16a-4c(a) (2013);

WHEREAS,

The South Western Region and Housatonic Valley Region are contiguous and together contain a total of eighteen municipalities;

WHEREAS,

The South Western Region and Housatonic Valley Region share many common interests and characteristics encompassing land use, housing, environment, economic development and transportation;

WHEREAS,

The proposed consolidated region has a history of cooperation on regional planning matters such as: transportation and land use, i.e., upgrading the infrastructure of the Danbury rail branch line, 7Link bus service between Norwalk and Danbury co-operated by the Norwalk Transit District and Housatonic Area Transit, and, design/implementation of the Route 7 Land Use Study. Several municipalities spanning both regions have had conversations regarding establishing a Regional Dispatch. Further, strong joint regional collaboration efforts were established in challenging the FAA re-routing landing patterns, which would have substantially increased the noise levels in both regions. These examples support a foundation for a strong unified region and future council of governments.

WHEREAS,


The SWRMPO supports the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management consolidation of the South Western Region and the Housatonic Valley Region into a single consolidated region prior to January 1, 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH WESTERN REGION MPO THAT:

The SWRMPO supports the voluntary consolidation of the South Western Region and Housatonic Valley Region and recommends that the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management formally redesignate the consolidated planning region prior to January 1, 2014.

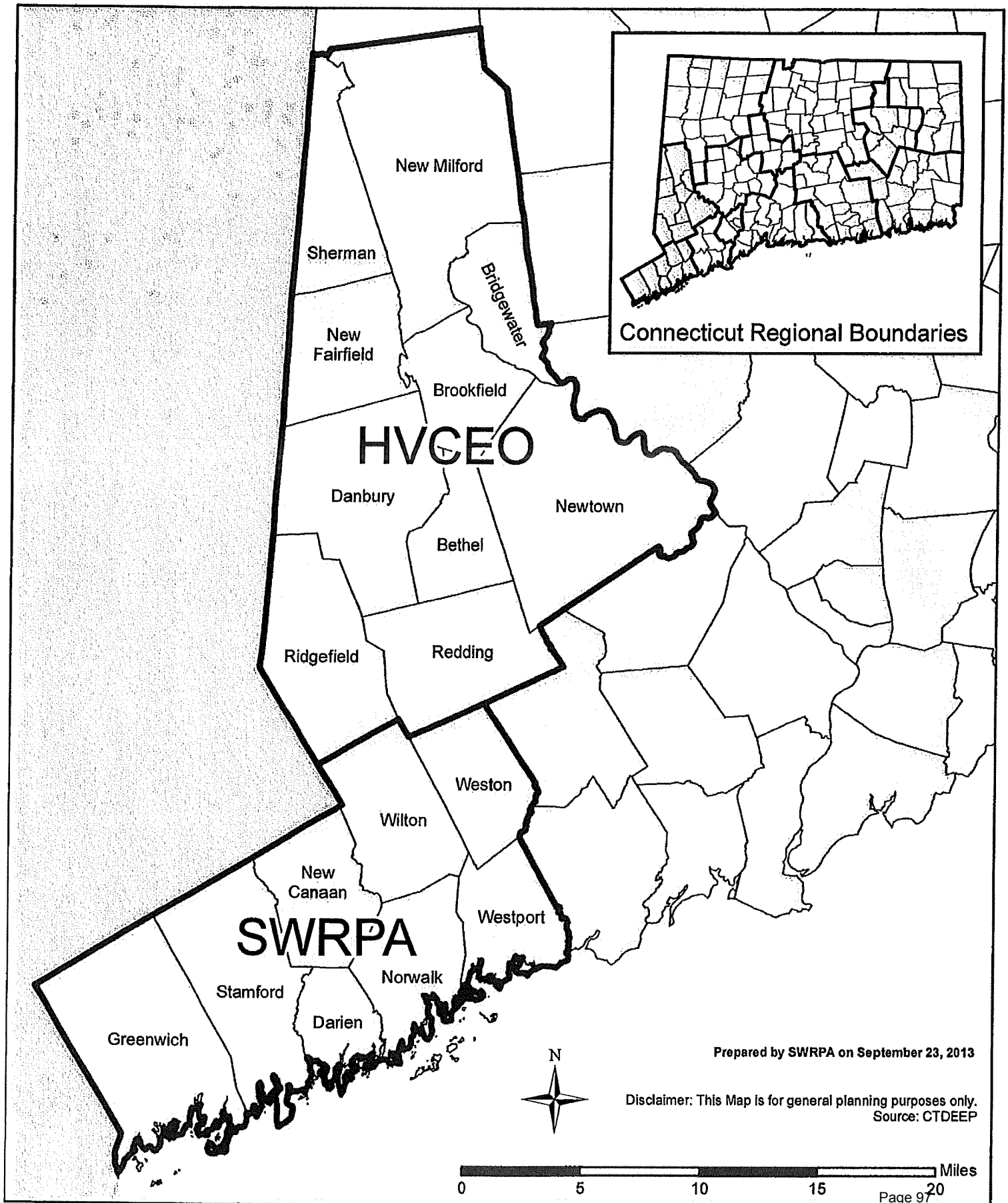
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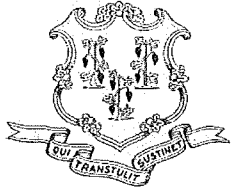
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Chairman

Existing SWRPA & HVCEO Regions and Municipalities

September 2013





STATE OF CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

December 6, 2013

Mr. Robert Byrnes
Acting Chairman, South Western Regional Planning Agency
Stamford Government Center
888 Washington Boulevard, 3rd Floor
Stamford, CT 06901

Re: Request to re-designate planning regions

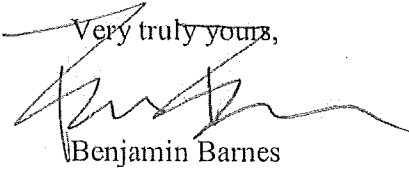
Dear Acting Chairman Byrnes:

I am in receipt of the request to re-designate the Housatonic Valley and South Western planning regions into a single, planning region, to be known as the Western Connecticut Planning Region. I have read your accompanying documentation and am pleased to note that this request has the support of the towns in the newly proposed region.

You should know that this office believes that the optimal region serving Western Connecticut should also include the current Greater Bridgeport planning region as well because of the strong ties between the Western Connecticut and Greater Bridgeport planning regions in matters affecting transportation, the environment, housing patterns, commuting patterns and the local perceptions of social and historical and cultural ties. As you know, the Office of Policy and Management is required to evaluate all of these factors while conducting the statewide study called for in Section 16a-4c of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Pursuant to my authority as set forth in Section 16a-4a (4) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have re-designated the Housatonic Valley and South Western Planning Regions into one new planning region to be known as the Western Connecticut Planning Region. I hope that municipalities of this new region would consider a further voluntary merger with all of the towns currently located in the Greater Bridgeport Region. Please consider this letter to constitute formal notice of my decision and good luck to you and the other members of the region in your current and future endeavors.

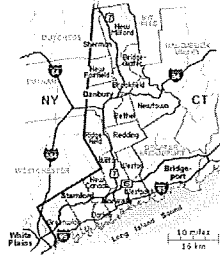
Very truly yours,

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Benjamin Barnes

Secretary, Office of Policy and Management

Cc: Matthew Knickerbocker, Chairman, Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials
Jonathan Chew, Executive Director, Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials
Floyd Lapp, Executive Director, South Western Regional Planning Agency



Date: September 5, 2014

To: Benjamin Barnes, Secretary, Connecticut Office of Policy and Management

From: Hon. Matthew Knickerbocker, First Selectman, Town of Bethel
Hon. William Brennan, First Selectman, Town of Wilton

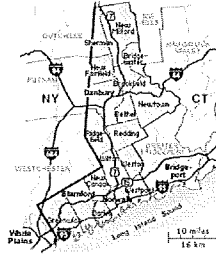
cc: David LeVasseur, Undersecretary, Connecticut Office of Policy and Management
David Hannon, Executive Director, Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials
Floyd Lapp, Executive Director, South Western Regional Planning Agency

Re: Status of Council of Governments (COG) Ordinances

Eleven of our eighteen or 61% of the municipalities in the South Western and Housatonic regions have adopted COG ordinances and these are attached for your review.

We look forward to receiving your timely reply. Thank you for this consideration.

Enclosures



Date: September 30, 2014

To: Benjamin Barnes, Secretary, Connecticut Office of Policy and Management

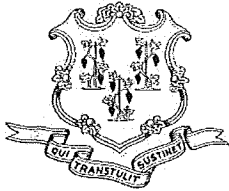
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cc: David LeVasseur, Undersecretary, Connecticut Office of Policy and Management
David Hannon, Executive Director, Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials
Floyd Lapp, Executive Director, South Western Regional Planning Agency

Re: UPDATED Status of Council of Governments (COG) Ordinances

Previously we submitted approved COG ordinances for 11 of our 18 municipalities in the Western Connecticut Council of Governments. We are pleased to update you with the approved ordinances from the Town of Brookfield and the Town of New Milford. At this time, 72.2 % of our municipalities have approved ordinances.

Enclosures



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

September 10, 2014

Hon. William Brennan
Southwestern Regional Planning Region
888 Washington Boulevard, 3rd Floor
Stamford, CT 06901-2902

Re: Recognition of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments

Dear First Selectman Brennan:

This office is in receipt of certified copies of resolution from eleven of the eighteen towns situated in the Western Connecticut Planning Region indicating their joining together to form a council of governments in said region.

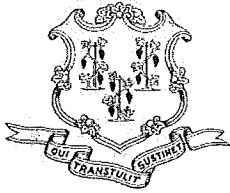
As these eleven certified resolutions reflect adoption by over sixty percent of the towns and cities located within this planning region, in accordance with the authority granted the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management pursuant to Section 4-124I of the Connecticut General Statutes, I hereby certify that the Western Connecticut Council of Governments has been duly established within the Western Connecticut Planning Region.

Kindly send certified copies of this resolution to this agency, if or when the same is adopted by the remaining seven municipalities located in this planning region. If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact Acting Undersecretary W. David LeVasseur at (860) 418-6484 or at david.levasseur@ct.gov.

Very truly yours,

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Benjamin Barnes
Secretary,
Office of Policy and Management



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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September 10, 2014

Hon. Matthew Knickerbocker
Chairman, Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials
Old Town Hall
162 Whisconier Road
Brookfield, CT 06804-3443

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