

2/19/2015

APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE
HOUSATONIC VALLEY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
HELD AT DANBURY CITY HALL

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bethel.....First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker
Bridgewater.....First Selectman Curtis Read
Brookfield.....First Selectman William Tinsley
Danbury.....Mayor Mark Boughton
New Fairfield.....First Selectman Susan Chapman, Vice Chairman
New Milford.....Mayor Patricia Murphy
Newtown.....First Selectman Patricia Llodra
Redding.....First Selectman Julia Pemberton, Secretary
Ridgefield.....First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Chairman
Sherman.....First Selectman Clay Cope

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Lynn Waller of Danbury, Richard Schreiner and Stephanie Scavelli of HARTransit, Newton Public Works Director Fred Hurley, Newtown Town Engineer Ronald Bolmer, Phyllis Schaer of the Candlewood Lake Authority, and from the WCCOG staff Carl Zimmerman, Candy Acquanita, David Hannon and Jonathan Chew.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at Noon by Chairman Rudy Marconi, after which attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES FROM 1/22/2015

After review and on a motion made by Pat Murphy and seconded by Susan Chapman, the minutes of the HVMPO meeting of 1/22/2015 were unanimously approved.

AMENDMENT TO LOTCIP DISTRIBUTION

Dave Hannon noted that \$2,644,000 in state construction funding is allocated to the HVMPO area each year under the Connecticut Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP). HVMPO has on-going responsibility for soliciting, reviewing and prioritizing municipal LOTICIP applications to CT DOT. He then reviewed a table summarizing the status of projects submitted by municipalities during the spring of 2014.

The current issue is that the scope for the Newtown LOTICIP project, Toddy Hill Road Bridge Replacement off of Route 34 near I-84 Exit 11, must expand due to the need to coordinate its traffic features with newly proposed CT DOT capacity changes in the immediate vicinity.

He also stated there is fortunately sufficient unallocated funding within the HVMPO LOTCIP program to accommodate the needed expansion of project scope while maintaining all other municipal LOTCIP funding commitments and schedules.

An illustrative table identifying the funds involved and the proposed amendment was then reviewed.

Pat Llodra spoke to the importance of the project. Supplemental remarks were then made by Fred Hurley and Ron Bolmer including their display of a map of the Toddy Hill Road Bridge Project in relation to proposed CT DOT capacity changes on Route 34 and at I-84 Exit 11.

Additional discussion followed. Then on a motion made by Bill Tinsley and seconded by Pat Murphy, the "HVMPO LOTCIP Program Recommended Revised Implementation Schedule" was unanimously approved.

MEETING SUSPENDED AND RECONVENED

The HVMPO meeting was suspended at 12:30 PM so that members could participate in a meeting of the WCCOG. Then at 12:55 PM the meeting was reconvened.

GIS DEVELOPMENT FOR HVMPO AREA

Carl Zimmerman spoke to this topic, noting that the aerial photo flight is scheduled for late April or early May. As state funds are involved a grant resolution from each municipality will be needed.

There was discussion of the coming GIS products and their relationship to municipal data sets. There was an emphasis from members on the proposed regional working group of municipal IT professionals, seen by them as a very valuable component of the process and to be given priority.

There was then further discussion in which members requested that potential legal liabilities and privacy concerns of their publically releasing detailed aerial photos of private property be researched and presented to them.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mark Boughton offered that when an HVMPO meeting location is needed he will be pleased to again make Danbury City Hall available.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion made by Pat Llodra and seconded by Susan Chapman the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.