

FINAL 5/21/2015 MINUTES
HOUSATONIC VALLEY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING AT NEWTOWN, CT MUNICIPAL CENTER

HVMPO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Bethel..... First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker
- Bridgewater.... Absent
- Brookfield..... Absent
- Danbury..... Chief of Staff Wayne Shepperd

- New Fairfield.. Absent
- New Milford.... Mayor Patricia Murphy
- Newtown.....First Selectman Patricia Llodra

- Redding..... Absent
- Ridgefield..... First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Chairman
- Sherman..... First Selectman Clay Cope

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Roxane Fromson of CTDOT, Lynn Waller of Danbury, Richard Schreiner of HARTransit, and from the WestCOG staff Sue Prosi, Rob Sachnin, Mike Towle, David Hannon, Carl Zimmerman, Camille Acquanita and Jonathan Chew.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by Chairman Rudy Marconi, after which attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Marconi thanked Pat Llodra for use of the Newtown Municipal Center today.

MINUTES FROM 4/16/2015

After review and on a motion made by Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Pat Murphy, the minutes of the HVMPO meeting of 4/16/2015 were unanimously approved.

HVMPO AUTHORIZATIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Dave Hannon presented a "Resolution of Endorsement for the FY2016 and FY2017 Unified Planning Work Program for HVMPO." There was discussion.

Then on a motion made by Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Wayne Shepperd, the work program endorsement resolution was unanimously approved.

WESTCOG AUTHORIZATIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Dave Hannon then reviewed the two approvals to be requested of WestCOG that enable that organization to serve as the hosting agency for HVMPO:

- “Authorizing Resolution for an Agreement between WestCOG and CTDOT For Funding HVMPO And SWRMPO Transportation Planning For FY2016 and FY2017.”
- “Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between WestCOG and HARTransit for Funding HARTransit Planning Services to HVMPO for FY2016 and FY2017.”

In reviewing the second item, Mr. Hannon referred to an agenda attachment entitled “HARTransit Responsibilities as Defined in the FY2016 and FY2017 HVMPO Unified Planning Work Program.”

There was then a discussion of the two anticipated WestCOG approvals.

FEDERAL TRANSIT GRANT PROGRAM

Dave Hannon noted that the Federal Transit Administration’s Section 5310 Program provides capital and operating grants to assist private non-profit corporations and public agencies that meet the needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities.

As this aspect of HVMPO planning is subcontracted to HARTransit, HARTransit Service Development Director Richard Schreiner then presented rankings of the five applications received, his rankings in accordance with the CTDOT application scoring criteria:

- Three requests for operating funds:** Recommended Rank #1 the New Milford WHEELS program to support regional medical transportation for New Milford, Bridgewater and Sherman residents. Clay Cope spoke to the value of the requested service to Sherman.

Recommended Rank #2 SPHERE in Ridgefield to support and expand a joint SPHERE - Town of Ridgefield transportation program.

Recommended Rank #3 the Kennedy Center in Trumbull to initiate a regional mobility management program serving municipalities in Greater Danbury and Greater Waterbury.

- Two applications to purchase accessible vehicles:** Recommended Rank #1 Town of Sherman to replace an existing vehicle used in the town dial-a-ride program.

Recommended Rank #2 Ability Beyond based in Bethel for an expansion vehicle to support the transportation of Ability clients.

There was discussion of the recommended rankings. Then on a motion made by Clay Cope and seconded by Wayne Shepperd, the rankings were approved for transmission to CTDOT.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion made by Pat Murphy and seconded by Wayne Shepperd, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.