Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



7/19/2017 Western CT Economic Development Strategy Committee

Held at the Comstock Community Center 180 School Rd, Wilton, CT 06897

MEMBERS

Hal Kurfehs	Coldwell Banker Commercial
Joe Ercolano	CT Small Business Development Center
George Benson (for	Newtown, Planning Department Economic and Community
Christal Preszler)	Development
Lisa Mercurio	Business Council of Fairfield County
Jackie Lightfield	Stamford Partnership
Elizbaeth Stocker	City of Norwalk, Economic Development
Betsy Paynter	Town of Brookfield, Economic Development
Thomas Madden*	City of Stamford, Economic Development

^{*} Attended by phone

ALSO ATTENDING

Amy Dent, Newtown Economic Development Commission; Paul Steinmetz, Western Connecticut State University; Paul Settelmeyer, Greenwich Economic Advisory Committee; WestCOG staff Elizabeth Esposito and Nicole Sullivan.

WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 PM by Associate Planner, Elizabeth Esposito.

DISCUSSION

The group reviewed each of the 23 projects submitted during the solicitation period and the initial project scoring completed by the WestCOG staff. Projects were then divided into two categories, vital and suggested, based on their ability to address the Region's needs. Once in the two categories, the projects were prioritized by how well the addressed the goals and objectives of the Region and their regional impact.

The floor was then opened for comments and questions on the initial draft of the CEDS. No comments were made. The group agreed that the draft was ready to be released for a public comment period.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Members not in attendance may give their input about the project prioritization and the initial draft of the CEDS to Elizabeth Esposito by July 28.

ADJOURMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.