

## APPROVED Council Minutes

### for the 8/17/2017 Regular Meeting

Held at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association  
27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877

Chairman Jayme Stevenson - Vice Chairman Susan Chapman  
Secretary David Gronbach - Treasurer Patricia Llodra

#### MEMBERS ATTENDING

Bethel..... First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker  
Bridgewater..... First Selectman Curtis Read  
Brookfield..... First Selectman Steve Dunn  
Danbury ..... Absent  
Darien ..... First Selectman Jayme Stevenson  
Greenwich..... First Selectman Peter Tesei

New Canaan..... First Selectman Robert Mallozzi  
New Fairfield ..... First Selectman Susan Chapman  
New Milford..... Absent  
Newtown..... First Selectman Patricia Llodra  
Norwalk..... Mayor Harry Rilling  
Redding..... Absent

Ridgefield..... First Selectman Rudy Marconi  
Sherman..... First Selectman Clay Cope  
Stamford ..... Chief of Staff Michael Pollard  
Weston..... First Selectman Nina Daniel  
Westport..... First Selectman James Marpe  
Wilton..... First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice

#### OTHERS ATTENDING

Norwalk Transit CEO Kimberly Morton, Richard Schreiner and Harrison Wenchell of HARTransit. WestCOG staff members Francis Pickering, Patricia Payne, Robert Sachnin, Nicole Sullivan, Jamie Bastian, Bob Brinton, and Kristen Floberg. Cathy Lezan, Tracey Alston, and Garrett Sheehan of Eversource were in attendance. Dan Liungi of CCM, Andrea Ryan of Western CT Health Network, Bruce Wittchen of OPM, Matt Pafford of OPM, and Sara Harris Westport Operations Director were also in attendance.

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:37pm by Chairman Jayme Stevenson.

## ACTION ITEMS

**Approval of 6/15/2017 Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Jayme Stevenson and seconded by Lynne Vanderslice, the minutes of the meeting of 6/15/2017 were unanimously approved.

**MAP Forum MOU:** Director Pickering explained that that the Memorandum of Understanding was an update to an MOU endorsed by HVCEO and SWRPA to reflect regional consolidation. He also explained that the MOU did not create new costs or liabilities. On a motion made by Clay Cope and seconded by Matt Knickerbocker, the motion to approve was unanimously carried.

**America the Beautiful Urban Forestry Grant Resolution:** Director Pickering explained that a resolution was necessary for the COG to accept a grant award from DEEP for the project, which includes a regional tree canopy assessment and well as a plan for the City of Norwalk. On a motion made by Clay Cope and seconded by Michael Pollard, the motion to approve was unanimously carried.

**FY 16-17 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Report:** Treasurer Patricia Llodra and Finance Director Patricia Payne reviewed the Fiscal Year 16-17 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Report from the Operating Statement and Balance Sheet attached. On a motion made by Harry Rilling and seconded by Curtis Read the report was unanimously approved.

## INFORMATION ITEMS:

Jayme Stevenson entertained a motion to amend the order of Information Items on the agenda and to add "New Business". This motion was carried by Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by Susan Chapman, with unanimous approval.

**Draft CEDS:** will be released for a 30-day public comment period from August 21<sup>st</sup> to September 20<sup>th</sup>. Associate Planner Elizabeth Esposito is the project lead for the CEDS; however, Director Pickering spoke. Nina Daniel suggested that heavy taxation, which the document identifies as a threat, should be called out in the Executive Summary.

**LOTICIP Update:** Project Manager Brinton gave an overview of the region's program, noting that several of the region's projects are going to construction in the near future.

**Update on Phase 2 of the CAMA Study:** Director Pickering gave an update on the second phase of the Regional Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) Study, which is focused on assisting with the implementation of workflow efficiencies identified in the first phase of the study.

**Overview of the Snow Removal Operations, Management, and Routing Study:** Associate Planner Kristin Floberg gave an update on the status and future stages of the study, which was awarded by OPM to the COG in 2017. Axiomatic LLC, was selected in July 2017, is currently meeting with public works staff

to gather data for subsequent stages of the study, including baseline assessment, development of plans, and the preparation of plow routes.

**State and Federal Update:** There was group discussion. Topics discussed included the state budget and the FRA's Record of Decision on the Northeast Corridor Future project.

**New Business:** A card for Mayor Boughton was discussed.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Tracey Alston presented Eversource's option to receive updates and notify the utility of power outages via text message.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next WestCOG meeting will need to be confirmed for September 21, 2017 at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association. Then on a motion made by Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Steve Dunn, the meeting was adjourned at 1:48pm.