

Approved Council Minutes

for the 12/14/2017 Regular Meeting

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

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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

New Canaan..... First Selectmen Kevin Moynihan
New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Del Monaco
New Milford..... Mayor Pete Bass
Newtown..... First Selectman Dan Rosenthal
Norwalk..... Mayor Harry Rilling
Redding..... Absent

Ridgefield..... First Selectman Rudy Marconi
Sherman..... Absent
Stamford Mayor David Martin
Weston..... First Selectman Chris Spaulding
Westport..... First Selectman James Marpe
Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice

OTHERS ATTENDING

WestCOG staff members in attendance were Robert Sachnin, Nicole Sullivan, Bob Brinton, Elizabeth Esposito, Carl Zimmerman, and Executive Director Francis Pickering. Rick Schreiner and Harrison Wenchell of HARTransit, Daniel Johnson of NYMTC, James Root Citizen of Danbury, Dan Giungi of CCM, Stamford Chief of Staff Michael Pollard, Ellen Graham, Daphne Dixon, and Floyd Lapp were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:38pm by Chairman Jayme Stevenson.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Floyd Lapp and Daphne Dickson spoke regarding Live Green CT and sustainable development.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 11/16/2017 Minutes: First Selectman Chris Spaulding noted that he was present at the last meeting. After review and on a motion made by Mayor David Martin and First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker the minutes of the meeting of 11/16/2017 were unanimously approved, with abstentions made by Mayor Pete Bass, First Selectman Kevin Moynihan, First Selectman Pat Del Monaco, and First Selectman Dan Rosenthal.

Approval of FY16-17 Annual Audit: Director Pickering reviewed the FY16-17 Annual Audit with the COG. On a motion made by First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker the FY16-17 Annual Audit was unanimously accepted.

LOTICIP Cost Adjustments: Robert Sachnin spoke briefly about a report on state transportation funding revenue shortfalls released by the Governor's office last week, and its possible effects on LOTICIP projects. A cost adjustment for the allocation of the New Milford Still River Drive Roundabout of \$1,219,175 was discussed. A motion to approve the adjustment for this project was made by First Selectman Kevin Moynihan and seconded by First Selectman Rudy Marconi, with unanimous approval.

Proposed COG bylaw amendment: A revision of language in *Article X: Other Council Committees* of the WestCOG bylaws was discussed. On a motion made by Mayor Pete Bass and seconded by First Selectman Pat Del Monaco the noted language was amended with unanimous approval.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Monthly Financial Report: Director Pickering reviewed the monthly financial report.

State budget discussion: Chairman Stevenson and Director Pickering briefly spoke to this topic and its relation to the COG.

Legislative update: Director Pickering discussed the agenda for the upcoming Legislative Breakfast with the COG.

Update on regional planning activities: Director Pickering briefly spoke to this topic.

Update on Economic Development: Associate Planner Elizabeth Esposito described her role in community and economic planning for the COG, updating the COG on the CEDS.

Update on Regional Tree Study: Associate Planner Elizabeth Esposito described the current Tree Canopy Assessment for the America the Beautiful Grant and its environmental benefits.

Update on CAMA Studies/Workflow Efficiencies: Senior GIS Manager Carl Zimmerman described his work in mapping and analytics, while updating the COG on the Regional CAMA project.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding guest speakers.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker and seconded by First Selectman Rudy Marconi the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 1:34pm.