Western Connecticut
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

WEST COG

Approved Council Minutes
for the 02/15/2018 Regular Meeting
Held at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association
27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877

Chairman Jayme Stevenson - Vice Chairman Rudolph Marconi
Treasurer Lynne Vanderslice- Secretary Julia Pemberton

MEMBERS ATTENDING
Bethel .... First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker
Bridgewater................... First Selectman Curtis Read
Brookfield .... First Selectman Steve Dunn
Danbury .... Mayor Mark Boughton
Darien............................. First Selectman Jayme Stevenson
Greenwich .... Absent

New Canaan .... First Selectman Kevin Moynihan
New Fairfield................. First Selectman Pat Del Monaco
New Milford.................. Absent
Newtown .... First Selectman Dan Rosenthal
Norwalk.......................... Absent
Redding.......................... First Selectman Julia Pemberton

Ridgefield....................... First Selectman Rudy Marconi
Sherman.......................... First Selectman Don Lowe
Stamford......................... Chief of Staff Michael Pollard
Weston............................ Absent
Westport......................... First Selectman Jim Marpe
Wilton............................. First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice

OTHERS ATTENDING
WestCOG staff members in attendance were Robert Sachnin, Patricia Payne, William Kenny, Nicole Sullivan, Bob Brinton, Kristin Floberg, and Executive Director Francis Pickering. Rick Schreiner and Harrison Wenchell of HARTransit, Dennis O'Connor and Britt Liotta of Norwalk Transit, Kerry Ross of CTDOT, Peter Yankowski of the Ridgefield Press, Norwalk Resident Jo-Anne Horvath, and Max Friedman of CCM were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 12:36pm by Chairman Stevenson.

GUEST SPEAKER
Chairman Stevenson welcomed Commissioner James Redeker of CTDOT. Commissioner Redeker spoke to the COG regarding the special transportation fund and the State of Connecticut's transportation program.

ACTION ITEMS
Approval of January 18, 2018 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by First Selectman Steve Dunn the minutes of the 01/18/2018 meeting were unanimously approved, except with an abstention made by First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice.

Approval of Financial Report & Balance Sheet: Finance Director Patricia Payne presented the Finance Report and Balance Sheet to the COG. After discussion, and on a motion made by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Mayor Mark Boughton, the Finance Report and Balance Sheet were unanimously approved.

Resolution in support of recognition of the COGs as county equivalents by the US Census Bureau: Director Pickering addressed this subject. On a motion made by First Selectman Curtis Read and seconded by First Selectman Steve Dunn, the resolution in support of recognition of the COGs as county equivalents by the US Census Bureau was unanimously approved.

Authorization to execute HARTransit contract: There was brief discussion, a misspelling was noted on the resolution. On a motion made by First Selectman Curtis Read and seconded by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, the authorization to execute the HARTransit contract was unanimously approved.

LOTCIP Adjustments: The COG discussed the program. Based on CTDOT guidance, existing projects that have a CTDOT Commitment to Fund letter and are scheduled to complete final design by September 2018 may proceed. On a motion made by First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by First Selectman Steve Dunn, the proposed LOTCIP cost adjustments were unanimously approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS
State legislation and budget update: Director Pickering updated the COG on this topic.

Update on Snow Plow Study: Associate Planner Kristin Floberg informed the COG that the initial routes and baseline report are being reviewed by the Technical Advisory Group.

OTHER BUSINESS
Associate Planner William Kenny updated the COG on emergency planning information.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Jo-Anne Horvath stated her views on transportation projects.

ADJOURNMENT

The next COG meeting will be held on March 15th. However, a special meeting will take place on February 22nd. On a motion made by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by First Selectman Jim Marpe, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:00pm.