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INTERIM Council Minutes

for the 10/18/2018 Regular Meeting

Held at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association & via teleconference
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 Steven Dunn
Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton
Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson
Greenwich..... First Selectman Peter Tesei

New Canaan..... First Selectman alternate Sandy Dennis
New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Del Monaco
New Milford..... Mayor Peter Bass
Newtown..... Absent
Norwalk..... Absent
Redding..... First Selectman Julia Pemberton

Ridgefield..... First Selectman Rudy Marconi
Sherman..... Absent
Stamford..... Chief of Staff Michael Pollard
Weston..... Absent
Westport..... First Selectman alternate Jeff Weiser
Wilton..... First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice

OTHERS ATTENDING

WestCOG staff members in attendance were Patricia Payne, Nicole Sullivan, Jamie Bastian, Kristin Floberg, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Victoria Ricks, and Executive Director Francis Pickering. Also, in attendance were Rick Schreiner Service Development Director for HARtransit, HARtransit Planner

Alex Dasher, Executive Director for the Center for Disability Rights Marc Anthony Gallucci, Executive Director for the Merritt Parkway Conservancy Wes Haynes, Sam Sojka from Eversource, Courtney Morehouse from the HVA, Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthal's office, Operations Director for the town of Westport Sara Harris and James Root.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:35pm by Chairman Jayme Stevenson.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of September 27th, 2018 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Mayor Pete Bass and seconded by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker the minutes of the 09/27/2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

Approval of Monthly Financial Report: An overview of the monthly financial report was made by WestCOG Staff member, Patty Payne. On a motion made by First Selectman Rudy Marconi and seconded by First Selectman Steve Dunn, the financial report was unanimously approved.

Regional Services Request for Proposal: - Executive Director Francis Pickering provided an overview of three regional requests for proposal that WestCOG would like to send out for public bidding after a comment period. One RFP was in relation to a Regional GIS Platform, the second RFP was related to an evaluation for development of a regional health insurance, and the third RFP was related to completing a feasibility study for modernization in the issuance for permits, licenses, passes and approvals. On a motion made by Mayor Mark Boughton and seconded by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, all the RFP's were unanimously approved to continue.

2018 DEHMS Region 5 Homeland Security Grant COG MOU: An overview of the grant was made by Executive Director Francis Pickering. On a motion made by First Selectman Rudy Marconi and seconded by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, the security grant was unanimously approved.

US Army Corps of Engineers Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study Update: Associate Planner Jamie Bastian provided a summary of the report and asked WestCOG members to sign on to the attached letter laying out concerns with the Study. On a motion made by First Selectman Rudy Marconi and seconded by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, the motion for all the municipalities to endorse the letter was unanimously approved.

CT DEEP Recreational Trails Grant Letters of Support: Executive Director Francis Pickering provided an overview to the municipalities on getting letters of support from WestCOG on applications for funding for recreational trail grants provided by the State. The deadline for applications is October 31st and each town should contact Francis if they would like a letter of support from WestCOG. On a motion

made by First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Mayor Pete Bass, the motion was unanimously approved to support all municipalities who would like to request a letter.

FEATURED PRESENTATIONS

Municipal ADA Assessments: Executive Director for the Center for Disability Rights, Marc Anthony Gallucci, gave a presentation on updated ADA requirements for municipalities. Each town should have an ADA coordinator and all buildings should be assessed for compliance. Each town should establish a complaint/grievance procedure on the town website.

INFORMATIONAL /DISCUSSION ITEMS

Auditor's Letter: WestCOG employee Patty Payne presented an overview of the audit results.

Tree Canopy Analysis Update: Associate Planner Jamie Bastian presented an overview of the Tree Canopy Improvement Strategy. CT DEEP has accepted WestCOG's analysis and the grant has been closed out. If any municipality has any grant applications for tree planting or purchasing, WestCOG has data to support the application.

ADJOURNMENT

The next COG meeting will be held on Thursday, November 15th. On a motion made by First Selectman Curtis Read and seconded by First Selectman Steve Dunn, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 1:45pm.

INTERIM MINUTES SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY THE COG MEMBERS