

APPROVED Council Minutes

for the 1/17/2019 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..... Absent
Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn
Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton
Darien..... First Selectman Jayme Stevenson
Greenwich..... First Selectman Peter Tesei

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

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

OTHERS ATTENDING

WestCOG staff members in attendance were Kristin Hadjstylianos, Victoria Ricks, Jamie Bastian, Kevin Mahoney, Patty Payne and Executive Director Francis Pickering. Alex Dashev of HARTransit, Kathryn Faraci from CT DOT, David Brandt from Aspetuck Land Trust, Donna Merrill from Wilton Land Conservation Trust, Sam Sojka and Tracy Alston were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

David Brandt from Aspetuck Land Trust gave a brief presentation and asked WestCOG to support their application for a grant to acquire 83.79 acres of undeveloped land from the Town of Weston. Donna Merrill from Wilton Land Conservation Trust gave a brief presentation and asked WestCOG to support their application for a grant to acquire some land in the center of Wilton.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of December 13, 2018 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Greenwich First Selectman Peter Tesei and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker the minutes of the 12/13/2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

Quarterly Financial Report ending 12/31/18: After a review by Wilton First Selectman and Treasurer, Lynne Vanderslice, a motion was made by Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe, the quarterly financial report was unanimously approved.

FY 18-19 Budget Amendment: After a review of the Budget Amendment by Executive Director Francis Pickering, which included an increase of \$173,716 to salaries and payroll taxes to support four temporary employees to execute additional transportation initiatives. In addition, an increase of \$30K to the consultant line item to support two additional transportation studies under the SWRMPO Transportation contract (previously included under the SWRMPO contract UPWP with CTDOT). A motion was made by Weston First Selectman Chris Spaulding and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker to approve the January 2019 Budget Amendment and was unanimously approved.

Letter of Support: Executive Director Francis Pickering reviewed the Environmental Justice Small Grants Program and requested support for the WestCOG Foundation application for the grant. After review and on a motion made by Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, the letter of support was approved, with opposition noted from Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan. After a review of the Aspetuck Land Trust Letter of Support a motion was made by Weston First Selectman Chris Spaulding and seconded by Stamford Chief of Staff Michael Pollard the letter of support was unanimously approved. After a review of the Wilton Land Conservation Trust Letter of Support a motion was made by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi. WestCOG approved the letter of support that noted the acreage of the property, with no votes against and one abstention by Vanderslice, conditional on the Wilton Board of Selectman's approval.

LOTICIP Development: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney presented background and historic LOTICIP performance information. He requested WestCOG's support in adding six project commitments to the program. On a motion was made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and seconded by Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling that the LOTICIP projects proposed by the WestCOG staff were unanimously approved.

WCEDD Membership Approval: Executive Director Francis Pickering reviewed the proposed membership for the Western CT Economic Development District and on a motion made by Bethel First

Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi, the membership was unanimously approved.

Report from Nominating Committee and Election of Officers/Executive Committee: Greenwich First Selectman Peter Tesei reviewed the nominating committee's recommendation for COG administration continue in their current roles, and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn, the Officers/Executive Committee were unanimously approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Regional Plan of Conservation and Development Update: Executive Director Francis Pickering gave an update.

Regional Services RFP's Update: Executive Director Francis Pickering gave an update on the status of our RFP's.

ADJOURNMENT

The next COG meeting will be held on February 28, 2019. On a motion made by First Selectman Rudy Marconi and seconded by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:08pm.