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INTERIM Council Minutes

for the 3/21/2019 Regular Meeting

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

*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..... First Selectman Peter Tesei

New Canaan..... CFO Sandy Dennies
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..... Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers
Weston..... First Selectman Chris Spaulding
Westport..... First Selectman Jim Marpe
Wilton..... Absent

OTHERS ATTENDING

WestCOG staff members in attendance were Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Nicole Sullivan, Patty Payne, and Executive Director Francis Pickering. Ali Mohseni of NYMTC-MHSTCC, Ken Shooshan-Stoller of FHWA, James Root of the CT Sierra Club, Alex Dashev of HARTtransit, Dan Guingi

of CCM, John Field of CT DEMHS, Rick Schreiner of HARTransit, Kimberlee Morton of NTD, as well as Sam Sojka and Tracy Alston of Eversource were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:45pm by Chairman Jayme Stevenson.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dan Guingi of CCM spoke regarding the upcoming COG meeting. John Field, Region 5 DEMHS Coordinator, introduced himself and discussed emergency management with the COG. Tracey Alston and Sam Sojka of Eversource spoke regarding tree trimming and maintenance.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of February 28, 2019 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn the minutes of the 2/28/2019 meeting were unanimously approved. An abstention was made by Mayor Harry Rilling.

Certified Agreement between WestCOG and CTDOT: Executive Director Francis Pickering reviewed the agreement between WestCOG and CTDOT for SFY2020-SFY2021 HVMPO and SWRMPO transportation planning. On a motion made by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn the certified resolution-agreement was unanimously approved.

LOTICIP: Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided an explanation of the LOTICIP adjustments. It was proposed to add two project commitments to the program for the Town of Darien and City of Stamford, contingent upon rescission of two previously-committed projects. On a motion made by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass and seconded by Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton the commitment of LOTICIP funds for the Town of Darien: *Noroton Ave-Ledge Road Intersection* and City of Stamford: *Atlantic Street-Main Street Intersection* projects was unanimously approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Neighborhood Assistance Act Programs: Executive Director Francis Pickering updated the COG on the program from the Department of Revenue Services.

Regional Behavioral Health Action Organization - HVCASA: Allison Fulton, Executive Director of the Housatonic Valley Coalition Against Substance Abuse, reviewed the recent changes to the organization. Additionally, she explained the list of services provided by HVCASA.

Regional Behavioral Health Action Organization - RYASAP: Marc Donald, Executive Director of the Regional Youth Adult Social Action Partnership, gave an overview of the AmeriCorp program and their role in the Regional Behavioral Health Action Organization.

Legislative Update: Executive Director Pickering provided an update on proposed legislation.

Regional Services Update: Executive Director Pickering reviewed proposed studies with the COG.

ADJOURNMENT

The next COG meeting will be held on April 18th, 2019. On a motion made by Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton and seconded by Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 1:46pm.

INTERIM MINUTES SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY THE COG MEMBERS