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## **INTERIM** Council Minutes

### for the 4/18/2019 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..... Selectman Rich Straiton  
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..... Absent  
Redding..... First Selectman Julia Pemberton  
  
Ridgefield..... First Selectman Rudy Marconi  
Sherman..... First Selectman Don Lowe  
Stamford ..... Mayor David Martin  
Weston..... First Selectman Chris Spaulding  
Westport..... Jeff Wieser Finance Chair  
Wilton..... First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice

#### **OTHERS ATTENDING**

WestCOG staff members in attendance were Michael Towle, Nicole Sullivan, Patty Payne, and Executive Director Francis Pickering. Representative Ken Gucker, Representative Gail Lavielle, Senator Will Haskell, James Root of the CT Sierra Club, Alex Dashev of HARTransit, Betsy Gara of COST, Joseph

DeLong of CCM, Rick Schreiner of HARTransit, as well as Sam Sojka and Tracy Alston of Eversource were also in attendance.

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:32pm by Chairman Jayme Stevenson.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tracey Alston spoke regarding Eversource.

## ACTION ITEMS

**Approval of March 21, 2019 Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe the minutes of the 3/21/2019 meeting were unanimously approved. Abstentions were made by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and Westport Finance Chair Jeff Wieser.

**Quarterly Financial Report ending 3/31/19:** After a review by Wilton First Selectman and Treasurer, Lynne Vanderslice, a motion was made by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass and seconded by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read, the quarterly financial report was unanimously approved.

**LOTICIP:** WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering presented the updated LOTICIP project commitment list. On a motion made by Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi and seconded by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, WestCOG members unanimously recommended to change the Greenwich Sound Beach Avenue and Laddins Rock Road Project from \$4,900,900 to \$3,900,900 and change the Greenwich Davis Island over Indian Harbor Project from \$2,500,000 to \$3,500,000.

**Resolution Authorizing Agreement for Regional GIS/CAMA:** WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided an overview of the resolution. On a motion made by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read seconded by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass, the resolution authorizing the execution of agreement to perform the regional GIS/CAMA viewer was unanimously approved.

## FEATURED SPEAKERS:

Representative Ken Gucker of the 138<sup>th</sup> District, Representative Gail Lavielle of the 143<sup>rd</sup> District, and Senator Will Haskell of the 26<sup>th</sup> District spoke regarding environmental legislation, teacher pension obligations, and other legislative proposals.

There was discussion regarding participation in a *Draft Letter in Opposition to the Teacher Pension Sharing on the Part of Municipalities*. On a motion made by Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn it was voted unanimously to table the *Draft Letter in Opposition to the Teacher Pension Sharing on the Part of Municipalities* until after the discussion with Executive Director Gara and Executive Director DeLong.

Elizabeth “Betsy” Gara, Executive Director from (COST), Connecticut Council of Small Towns, and Joseph DeLong, Executive Director from (CCM), Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, gave an update on the State budget and legislation.

On a motion made by Stamford Mayor David Martin and Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn it was voted unanimously to take the *Draft Letter in Opposition to the Teacher Pension Sharing on the Part of Municipalities* off the table. A discussion ensued and, on a motion made by Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton and seconded by Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi it was voted unanimously for the COG to participate in a *Draft Letter in Opposition to the Teacher Pension Sharing on the Part of Municipalities*. A special meeting regarding legal action in opposition to the teacher pension sharing may be held.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

**Legislative Update:** There was no discussion.

**Regional Services Update:** GIS Manager Mike Towle presented on the 2020 Census participation regarding regional services.

## ADJOURNMENT

The next COG meeting will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019. On a motion made by Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:16pm.

**INTERIM MINUTES SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY THE COG MEMBERS**