

APPROVED 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 138th District, Representative Gail Lavielle of the 143rd District, and Senator Will Haskell of the 26th 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 16th, 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.