



## **APPROVED Minutes**

for the 6/27/2019 Regular Meeting

**Comstock Community Center, 180 School Road, Wilton, CT 06897**

*Chairman Rudy Marconi - Vice Chairman Jim Marpe*

### MEMBERS ATTENDING

Rudy Marconi .....	Town of Ridgefield
Jim Marpe .....	Town of Westport
PJ Prunty .....	Greater Danbury Chamber of Commerce - Absent
Brian Griffin .....	Greater Norwalk Chamber of Commerce - Absent
Robert E. Mallozzi .....	Bankwell Financial Group, Inc - Absent
Jackie Lightfield .....	Norwalk 2.0
Tracey Alston .....	Eversource
Sean Loughran .....	Western CT University - Absent
Terrence Cheng .....	UConn- Stamford - Absent
Andrea Rynn .....	Western CT Health Network
Tom Long .....	The WorkPlace - Absent
Hal Kurfehs .....	Coldwell Banker Commercial
Lisa Scails .....	Cultural Alliance of Western Connecticut
Betsy Paynter .....	CityCenter Danbury - Absent
Mendi Blue-Paca .....	Fairfield County Community Foundation
Lisa Mercurio .....	Business Council of Fairfield County - Absent

### OTHERS ATTENDING

WestCOG staff members in attendance were Francis Pickering, Mike Towle, Kendra Beaver, Chad Schroeder and Victoria Ricks. Trayvonn Diaz, Outreach Assistant from Senator **Murphy's** office, was also in attendance.

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:16pm by Chairman Rudy Marconi.

### ACTION ITEM:

**Approval of March 14, 2019 Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Tracy Alston from Eversource and seconded by Jackie Lightfield from Norwalk 2.0, the minutes of the 3/14/2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

**BUILD Grant Letter of Support:** Executive Director Francis Pickering provided an overview of the BUILD Grant Application and a made a recommendation of a letter of support be drafted in support of the Grant from WCEDD members. On a motion made by Andrea Rynn from Western CT Health Network and seconded by Jackie Lightfield from Norwalk 2.0 the letter of support was unanimously approved and will be drafted by Francis Pickering.

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

**Federal Designation of EDD Status Update:** GIS Manager Mike Towle gave an update on the application for the Economic Development District designation. There has been a delay in processing these applications and we expect a response by September 2019.

**CEDS Update Process:** GIS Manager Mike Towle gave an update on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy plan. WestCOG will be providing an update on statistics and collecting comments and edits on the revised goals, objectives and actions. This update is intended to be completed prior to the September 2019 WCEDD meeting. WestCOG will provide an CEDS Update Process document for WCEDD members.

**Legislative Session Updates:** Executive Director Francis Pickering gave an update on the Spring Legislative Session and the impact the new regulations have regarding Economic Development in our region.

**Member Updates:** Health district Funding, Brownfield opportunities, and the State's tourism effort previously known as "Still Revolutionary" were discussed.

**Upcoming Opportunities:** Executive Director Francis Pickering gave an update on the projects that WestCOG is currently working on related to Economic Development, such as the Hazard Mitigation Plan, Plan of Conservation and Development, and Regional Modernization.

**Other Business:** There was no other business discussed.

**Upcoming Meetings:** The meeting schedule is as follow September 12<sup>th</sup>, and December 12<sup>th</sup>.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm.