Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



APPROVED Council Minutes

for the 7/19/2019 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 Matthew Knickerbocker
Bridgewater	Absent
Brookfield	. First Selectman Steve Dunn
Danbury	Absent
Darien	. First Selectman Jayme Stevenson
Greenwich	. First Selectman Peter Tesei
New Canaan	. First Selectman Kevin Moynihan
New Fairfield	. Selectman Khris Hall
New Milford	. Mayor Pete Bass
Newtown	. Absent
Norwalk	. Absent
Redding	. First Selectman Julia Pemberton
Ridgefield	. First Selectman Rudy Marconi
Sherman	Absent
Stamford	. Chief of Staff Michael Pollard
Weston	. Selectman Samantha Nestor
Westport	. First Selectman James Marpe
Wilton	. Absent

OTHERS ATTENDING

WestCOG staff members in attendance were Kristin Hadjstylianos, Matthew Rosenbloom-Jones, Nicole Sullivan, Kristin Floberg and Executive Director Francis Pickering. Alex Dashev and Rick Schreiner of HARTransit, Deborah deKoff, Paul Sirois and Clay Cope of Regional Hospice, Jim Michael and Amy Siebert from Town of Greenwich Public Works Department, Ellen Graham from Senator **Blumenthal's office,** Ken Shooshan-Stoller of FHWA, Kathryn Faraci and Maribeth Wojenski from CTDOT were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:09am by Chairman Jayme Stevenson. On a motion made by First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Public Participation and Information Items were moved ahead on the agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Clay Cope, Paul Sirois, and Deborah deKoff spoke regarding patient care and instate hospice in Connecticut.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Regional POCD Update: Planner Kristin Floberg updated the COG on the 1st Regional POCD. Economic development, housing, and natural resources were discussed.

FEATURED SPEAKER:

Chairman Stevenson welcomed Commissioner Joseph Giulietti of the Connecticut Department of Transportation to the meeting. Commissioner Giulietti addressed congestion mitigation, rail, and revenue sources.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of June 25, 2019 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by First Selectman Jim Marpe, the minutes of the 6/25/2019 meeting were unanimously approved. Abstentions were made by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and Selectman Samantha Nestor.

On a motion made by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by First Selectman Rudy Marconi, the agenda was amended to include an additional action item:

 Resolution for FY19-20 OPM Regional Services Grant: The resolution to execute and deliver the State of Connecticut Notice of Grant Award was discussed. On a motion made by First Selectman Rudy Marconi and seconded by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, the resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution for Regional Services Grant Projects: Executive Director Pickering reviewed the resolution with the COG. The resolution will authorize the COG to enter into a contract with the selected consultants to carry out the public safety and county equivalency projects as approved in the RSG spending plan endorsed last month. After review and on a motion made by First Selectman Rudy Marconi and seconded by First Selectman Steve Dunn, the resolution was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The next COG meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19th. On a motion made First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by First Selectman Peter Tesei, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 12:40pm.