

APPROVED Council Minutes

for the 9/19/2019 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..... First Selectman Curtis Reed
Brookfield..... First Selectman Steve Dunn
Danbury..... Mayor Mark Boughton
Darien..... Director of Planning and Zoning Jeremy Ginsburg
Greenwich..... First Selectman Peter Tesei

New Canaan..... First Selectman Kevin Moynihan
New Fairfield..... Absent
New Milford..... Mayor Pete Bass
Newtown..... First Selectman Dan Rosenthal
Norwalk..... Absent
Redding..... First Selectman Julia Pemberton

Ridgefield..... Absent
Sherman..... First Selectman Don Lowe
Stamford..... Chief of Staff Michael Pollard
Weston..... First Selectman Chris Spaulding
Westport..... First Selectman James Marpe
Wilton..... First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice

OTHERS ATTENDING

WestCOG staff members in attendance were Kristin Hadjstylianos, Charles Vidich, Kevin Mahoney, Kristin Floberg, Patty Payne, Victoria Ricks and Executive Director Francis Pickering. Alex Dashev and Rick Schreiner of HARTransit, Westport Operations Director Sara Harris and Donna A Monteleone from American Legion VFW were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30pm by Treasurer Lynne Vanderslice. A motion was made by First Selectman Julia Pemberton and seconded by First Selectman Steve Dunn to move the Public Participation to the first item on the agenda

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Donna A Monteleone from American Legion VFW presented an invitation for all veterans and first responders to attend a Cardiology Prevention seminar in either Newtown or Brookfield.

FEATURED SPEAKER:

Treasurer Lynne Vanderslice welcomed Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz to the meeting. Lieutenant Governor Bysiewicz discussed the goals of the current administration and encouraged communities to support the Census effort. A discussion then ensued with WestCOG members about issues facing our region.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Regional POCD Update: WestCOG Planner Kristin Floberg and Project Manager Charles Vidich updated the COG on the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development. Guidelines require that the plan be updated every 10 years, the last update was done in 2010.

Regional Open Space Fund: WestCOG Director Francis Pickering provided a brief update.

County Equivalency: WestCOG Director Francis Pickering provided a brief update.

Legislative Committee Update: WestCOG Director Francis Pickering provided a brief update.

Regional Services Update: WestCOG Director Francis Pickering provided a brief update.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of July 19, 2019 Minutes: Due to time constraints, the approval of the minutes will be postponed until the October meeting.

LOTICIP Adjustment: Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney presented an addition to the COG's LOTICIP project commitment list. On a motion made by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn, the COG unanimously recommended adding a commitment of \$356,000 for the New Milford East Street-Elm Street Intersection project.

Quarter 4 Financial Report: After a review by Wilton First Selectman and Treasurer, Lynne Vanderslice, a motion was made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn, to unanimously approve the quarterly financial report.

MOU for the Homeland Security Grant Region 5: WestCOG Director Francis Pickering provided an overview of Region 5 MOU for emergency preparedness. On a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, the COG unanimously approved the DEMHS Region 5 Grant Program.

ADJOURNMENT

The next COG meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17th. On a motion made Weston First Selectman Chris Spaulding and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:09pm.