

**APPROVED Council Minutes**

for the 12/19/2019 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..... Selectman Rich Straiton  
Bridgewater..... First Selectman Curtis Read  
Brookfield..... First Selectman Steve Dunn  
Danbury..... Absent  
Darien..... Senior Planner Fred Doneit  
Greenwich..... First Selectman Fred Camillo  
  
New Canaan..... First Selectman Kevin Moynihan  
New Fairfield..... Absent  
New Milford..... Absent  
Newtown..... Absent  
Norwalk..... Absent  
Redding..... First Selectman Julia Pemberton  
  
Ridgefield..... First Selectman Rudy Marconi  
Sherman..... First Selectman Don Lowe  
Stamford..... Chief of Staff Michael Pollard  
Weston..... First Selectman Chris Spaulding  
Westport..... Operations Director Sara Harris  
Wilton..... First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice

**OTHERS ATTENDING**

WestCOG staff members in attendance were Kristin Hadjstylianos, Michael Towle, Patty Payne, Nicole Sullivan, Vicky Ricks and Executive Director Francis Pickering. Patrick Santoso from Axiomatic, Kristen Brown representing CT DEEP, Joan Polzin, Rich Schreiner and Alex Dashev of HARtransit, as well as Samantha LaBonne from Eversource and Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Center were also in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:31pm by Vice-Chairman Rudy Marconi.

## FEATURED SPEAKERS:

Patrick Santoso from Axiomatic gave a presentation summarizing the Municipal Modernization survey results. The next stop will be to prioritize the results with the steering committee in January.

Kristen Brown representing CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection gave a presentation on the benefits of the Save Money and Reduce Trash (SMART) Program.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joan Polzin from Brookfield spoke about her concerns regarding the installation of 5G within our region.

## ACTION ITEMS

**Approval of November 21, 2019 Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read, the minutes of the 11/21/2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Annual Dues:** After review by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and on a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, the annual dues were unanimously approved.

**2020 Meeting Schedule:** After review by WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering and on a motion made by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan and seconded by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, the 2020 meeting schedule was unanimously approved.

**Nominating Committee:** After review by WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice seconded by Weston First Selectman Chris Spaulding, the nominating committee members were unanimously approved.

**Regional Performance Improvement Program:** WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle presented four proposed grant applications that WestCOG would like submit applications for. The proposed project concepts are as follows; Town Boundary Class D Survey GIS Data, Planimetric Data Update, Economic Coordination Plans and Regional Animal Control Facility Study. This is only for approval of the application submissions; COG members will have the opportunity to accept any grants awarded for these projects. On a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read, that COG approved the applications with the addition to the list for a grant application for a Regional Transfer Station Study. No votes were recorded by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan and Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice for the Town Boundary Class D Survey GIS Data project application.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

**TOD Task Force:** WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided an update on Governor Lamont's Transit-Oriented Development Task Force.

**Legislative Committee Update and Reception:** WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided an update on the Legislative Committee priorities.

**Regional Plan of Conservation and Development:** WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided an update on the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development. The public comment period will end on January 4<sup>th</sup>, and WestCOG will present a summary of the comments and COG members will formally adopt the plan at the January COG meeting.

**5G Task Force:** WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided an update on the 5G Task Force.

**Board of Directors Letter:** WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided an overview of WestCOG's Regional Services Grant Progress Report for fiscal year 2018-2019. A copy of the report has been provided for review.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next COG meeting will be held on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. On a motion made by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read and seconded by Weston First Selectman Chris Spaulding, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:12pm.