

**APPROVED Council Minutes**

for the 06/15/2020 Regular Meeting  
Videoconference

*Chairman Rudolph Marconi - Vice Chairman Jayme Stevenson  
Treasurer Julia Pemberton - Secretary Lynne Vanderslice*

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Bethel..... First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker  
Bridgewater..... First selectman Curtis Read  
Brookfield..... First Selectman Steve Dunn  
Danbury ..... Absent  
Darien ..... First Selectman Jayme Stevenson  
Greenwich..... Selectman Lauren Rabin

New Canaan..... First Selectman Kevin Moynihan  
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..... First Selectman James Marpe  
Wilton ..... First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice

**OTHERS ATTENDING**

WestCOG staff members in attendance were Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Todd Fontanella, Nicole Sullivan, Kristin Floberg, Patty Payne, Paula Burton, Kevin Mahoney, Charles Vidich, Nick Trabka, Victoria Ricks, Hamsa Ganapathi, Chad Schroeder and Executive Director Francis Pickering. Rick Schreiner of HARTransit, Kimberlee Morton of Norwalk Transit, Kathryn Faraci from CTDOT, Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthal’s office, Tracey Alston and Samantha LeBonne from Eversource, WestCOG attorney Steve Mednick, as well as members of the public Jennine Lupo, were also in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:23pm by Chairman Rudy Marconi.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public comments.

## ACTION ITEMS

**Approval of May 21, 2020 Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, the minutes of the 5/21/2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget:** After review by WestCOG Treasurer Julia Pemberton, and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, the budget was unanimously approved.

**Regional Services Grant Spending Plan:** After review by WestCOG Director Francis Pickering and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton, the Regional Services grant spending plan was unanimously approved.

**Resolution for Regional Services Grant Projects:** After review by WestCOG Director Francis Pickering and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton, the Resolution for Regional Services grant projects was unanimously approved.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

**Covid-19 Discussion:** WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering reviewed the updated Governor's Executive Orders related to Covid-19. Steve Mednick spoke about remote meetings and large gatherings, the executive orders in place by the governor are only related to social gatherings, not municipal meetings. Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice inquired about the possibility of continuing remote meetings after the Sept 9<sup>th</sup> expiration of the governor's executive orders. New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan asked if you are allowed to conduct live meetings if you follow the governor's orders for spacing. WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering commented on the long-term recovery efforts being planned in the DEMHS regions and about CARES funding.

**EDD Designation:** WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle requested that participating municipalities provide letters of support to allow WestCOG to pursue federal EDD designation. This would allow WestCOG to pursue consistent funding to assist with Regional Economic research and planning. A sample letter has been included, if you have any other questions please contact WestCOG staff.

**Land Use Planning for Wireless Telecommunications Task Force Update:** WestCOG Planner Kristin Floberg gave an update on the Wireless Telecommunications Task Force, formerly known as the 5G task force. The name of the task force was changed to align with the task force's objectives and responsibilities.

**Sustainable CT Intern Introduction:** WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle introduced WestCOG's Sustainable CT fellows summer interns Chad Schroeder and Hamsa Ganapathi.

**MS4 Mapping Support Services:** WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle gave an update on the stormwater infrastructure mapping. WestCOG has a new staff member starting in July and their top priority will be identifying and mapping the stormwater infrastructure.

**Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:** WestCOG Assistant Planner Nicole Sullivan announced that the virtual public information meetings for the HMP will take place throughout July and August. WestCOG and the consultant Milone & MacBroom, Inc. will be advertising this information shortly.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next COG meeting will be held on Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. On a motion made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and seconded by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 1:19pm.