

APPROVED Council Minutes

for the 02/18/2021 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 Mayor Joe Cavo
Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson
Greenwich..... Absent

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, Kevin Mahoney, Victoria Ricks, Patty Payne, Charles Vidich, Cricket Carpenter and Executive Director Francis Pickering. Stamford Mayors Chief of Staff Michael Pollard, Rick Schreiner, and Alex Dashev from HARTransit, Kathryn Faraci from CTDOT, Kim Morton from Norwalk Transit, Tracey Alston from Eversource, Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Center, Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthal’s office, Victoria Vetre from SLR Consulting, David Monastersky from CIRMA, CTDOT Director of Government Relations and Policy Pam Sucato, Harry Carey, and Jessica Vonashek were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:23 pm by Chairman Rudy Marconi.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tracy Alston from Eversource gave an update on the availability of more energy assistance programs for customers. She requested municipalities assistance promoting these programs. Jayme Stevenson suggested Eversource create an informational video to help promote these programs. Lynne Vanderslice asked for a public meeting with Eversource to help promote these programs.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 01/21/2021 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson and seconded by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, the minutes of the 01/21/2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

Executive Session: Council members attended a break-out for Executive Session. Upon their return, a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Sherman First Selection Don Lowe to consent to resolve and/or settle any claims as recommended by Council. This motion was unanimously approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Update on Strategic Vision and Planning Project WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering gave an update on the WestCOG Strategic Vision and Planning Project. Francis will provide Council members a short survey and participation by all eighteen municipalities is strongly encouraged. The March COG meeting will be compressed as it will be combined with a workshop led by our Strategic Vision and consultant Camion.

UCONN Circa Resilient CT: Victoria Vetre, from SLR Consulting, gave an update on the progress made on the Resilient CT CIRCA project during January, in which four regional workshops were completed with over 100 registrants. The next steps are to incorporate the workshop feedback into the Climate Change Vulnerability Index and Zones of Shared Risk and to incorporate heat and wind factors. Another round of workshops will be held in May. If you have any questions about the workshop or about the work being completed, please contact WestCOG staff members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Rudy Marconi asked Municipalities' if anyone was having issues with getting an adequate amount of salt for clearing the roads.

ADJOURNMENT

The next COG meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18th. On a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson and seconded by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:20 pm.