

APPROVED Council Minutes

for the 05/20/2021 Regular Meeting
Videoconference

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

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Bethel..... Bethel Second Selectman Rich Straiton
Bridgewater..... Absent
Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn
Danbury Absent
Darien Jayme Stevenson
Greenwich..... Selectwoman 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 Absent
Weston..... Absent
Westport..... First Selectman James Marpe
Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice

OTHERS ATTENDING

Bethel Second Selectman Rich Straiton, WestCOG staff members in attendance were Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Todd Fontanella, Kristin Floberg, Kevin Mahoney, Victoria Ricks, Cricket Carpenter and Executive Director Francis Pickering. Rick Schreiner, and Alex Dashev from HARTransit, Kathryn Faraci from CTDOT, Kim Morton from Norwalk Transit, Jennine Lupo from Representative Jahana Hayes office, John Truscinski and Katie Lund from CIRCA, David Murphy and Victoria Vetre from SLR Consulting and, Samantha Nestor were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:40pm by Chairman Rudy Marconi.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 04/22/2021 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass and seconded by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, the minutes of the 04/22/2021 meeting were unanimously approved. With an abstention made by Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, Greenwich Selectwoman Lauren Rabin, and Bethel Second Selectman Rich Straiton.

EDA Planning Partnership Grant

WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering gave an overview of the EDA Planning Partnership Grant. After review and a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton the EDA Planning Partnership Grant was unanimously approved.

Appointment of Auditor Letter of Engagement

Francis gave an update of the Appointment of Auditor Letter of Engagement. After review and a motion made by Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton and seconded by New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Del Monaco the Appointment of Auditor Letter of Engagement was unanimously approved.

Resolution for Subrecipient Grant Agreement

WestCOG Planner Todd Fontanella gave an overview of the Resolution for Subrecipient Grant Agreement. After review and a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe the Resolution for Subrecipient Grant Agreement was unanimously approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Regional Services Grant spending plan SFY 2021

Francis provided an overview of the Regional Services Grant Spending Plan.

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Draft Budget

WestCOG Treasurer Julia Pemberton provided an overview of the Fiscal year 2021-22 Draft Budget.

UConn CIRCA Resilient CT

David Murphy from SLR Consulting gave a presentation of the Resilient CT planning update.

Extension of gubernatorial Executive Orders

WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering gave an update on the Extension of gubernatorial Executive Orders. The public health and civil preparedness emergencies that were enacted to enable the state to provide an adequate response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Regional Well Water Testing (regional approach, PA 12-197)

Francis gave an update on the Regional Water Testing for private wells. Members of the COG that are interested in forming a sub-committee to address testing for private wells should contact Francis at the office.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi noted that there will be a Retreat for the Chief Elected officials in place of the July 22nd, 2021 COG Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

The next COG meeting will be held on Thursday, June 17th. On a motion made by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, it was voted to unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:12 pm.