

**APPROVED Council Minutes**

for the 06/17/2021 Regular Meeting  
Videoconference

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

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Bethel..... First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker  
Bridgewater..... First Selectman Cutis Read  
Brookfield ..... First Selectman Steve Dunn  
Danbury ..... Mayor Joe Cavo  
Darien ..... First Selectman 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.....Transit Representative CEO Kim Morton  
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, Kristin Floberg, Kevin Mahoney, Victoria Ricks, Cricket Carpenter and Executive Director Francis Pickering. WestCOG Summer Fellows Valentina Jimenez, Liam Ford, and Kelvin Green, Rick Schreiner from HARTransit, Kathryn Faraci from CTDOT, Kim Morton from Norwalk Transit, Jennine Lupo from Representative Jahana Hayes office, Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthal’s office, Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Center, Tracey Alston and Samantha LaBonne from Eversource were also in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:15pm by Chairman Rudy Marconi.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

## ACTION ITEMS

**Approval of 05/20/2021 Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe, the minutes of the 05/20/2021 meeting were unanimously; with an abstention made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and Weston First Selectman Chris Spaulding.

**Approval of the 06/02/2021 Special Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan, the minutes of the 06/02/2021 Special meeting were unanimously approved. With an abstention made by Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, Greenwich Selectwoman Lauren Rabin, and Weston First Selectman Chris Spaulding.

**Resolution for Open Space Inventory:** WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle shared an overview of the Resolution for Open Space Inventory. After review and a motion made by Bridgewater First Selectman Cutis Read and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan the Resolution for Open Space Inventory was unanimously approved.

**Regional Services Spending Plan:** WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering gave an overview of the Regional Services Spending Plan. After review and a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe the Regional Services Spending Plan was unanimously approved.

**Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Draft Budget:** WestCOG treasurer Julia Pemberton gave an overview of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Draft Budget. After review and a motion made by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass and seconded by Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Draft Budget was unanimously approved.

**ARPA Special Projects Manager:** Francis gave an overview of the ARPA Special Projects Manager. After review a decision was made to issue a Request for Proposals/Quote (RFP/Q) for review.

**LOTICIP Adjustments:** WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney gave an overview. After review and a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, the LOTICIP Adjustments was unanimously approved.

**CTDOT Corridor Study Solicitation Priorities:** WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella gave an overview of the CTDOT Corridor Study Solicitation Priorities. After review and a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Greenwich Selectwoman Lauren Rabin the CTDOT Corridor Study Solicitation Priorities was unanimously approved.

## INFORMATION ITEMS:

**Extension of Gubernatorial Executive Orders:** Francis gave an update on the Extension of Gubernatorial Executive Orders.

**Executive Strategic Planning Retreat:** Francis reviewed the details of the upcoming July 22<sup>nd</sup> Executive Strategic Planning Retreat.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle introduced the Sustainability CT Summer Fellows Kelvin Green from Princeton University, Liam Ford from UCONN, and Valentina Jimenez from the University of Hartford.

Jennine Lupo from Representative Jahana Hayes office commented that Congresswoman Hayes forwarded transportation requests to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Five projects will be included on the Full House Bill floor vote on or about June 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next COG meeting will be held on Thursday, August 19th. On a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, it was voted to unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:30pm.