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INTERIM Council Minutes

for the 08/19/21 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 Absent
Danbury Absent
Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson
Greenwich..... Selectman Lauren Rabin
New Canaan..... First Selectman Kevin Moynihan
New Fairfield Selectman Kristine Hall
New Milford..... Mayor Pete Bass
Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal
Norwalk..... Mayor Harry Rilling
Redding..... First Selectman Julia Pemberton
Ridgefield..... First Selectman Rudy Marconi
Sherman..... First Selectman Don Lowe
Stamford Chief of Staff Michael Pollard
Weston..... Absent
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, Nick Trabka, Nicole Sullivan, Charles Vidich, Cricket Carpenter and Executive Director Francis Pickering. Rick Schreiner from HARTransit, Norwalk Chief of Economic and Community Development Jessica Vonashek, Kim Morton from Norwalk Transit, Adam Goodman from the Aspetuck Land Trust, Jeff Matriano David Brown from Barton & Loguidice and Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Center, were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:27 by Chairman Rudy Marconi.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 06/17/2021 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, the minutes of the June 17, 2021 meeting was unanimously approved.

Approval of the July 22nd, 2021 Special Meeting minutes: After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by Stamford Chief of Staff Michael Pollard the July 22nd 2021 Special Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Q4 Financial Report: WestCOG Treasurer and Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton gave an overview. After review and on a motion made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson the Q4 Financial Report was unanimously approved.

Request for Letter of Support for Preservation of the Montanaro Property in Wilton: Adam Goodman from the Aspetuck Land Trust gave an overview. After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe the Request for Letter of Support for Preservation of the Montanaro Property was unanimously approved.

LOTICIP Adjustments: Westport First Selectman James Marpe and WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney gave an overview. After review and on a motion made by Westport First Selectman James Marpe and seconded by Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton the LOTICIP Adjustments was unanimously approved.

Acceptance of the EDA CARES Funding and Budget Adjustment: Francis gave an overview. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson and seconded by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass the Acceptance of the EDA CARES Funding and Budget Adjustment was unanimously approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

LOTICIP Project Solicitation: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney gave an overview. If you have questions regarding the LOTICIP Project Solicitation Please contact Kevin at: 475-323-2072 or kmahoney@westcog.org

Extension of Gubernatorial Executive Orders: Francis gave an update on the Extension of Gubernatorial Executive Orders. The COG members discussed the status of local mask mandates in the region.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business

Next Meeting: Thursday September 23rd, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

The next COG meeting will be held on Thursday, September 23rd. On a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, it was voted to unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:34pm.

INTERIM MINUTES SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY THE COG MEMBERS