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INTERIM Council Minutes

for the 09/23/2021 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 Curtis Read
Brookfield Absent
Danbury Mayor Joe Cavo
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 Absent
Weston..... First Selectman Samantha Nestor
Westport..... First Selectman James Marpe
Wilton Absent

OTHERS ATTENDING

HARTransit, CEO Rick Schreiner from Norwalk, Norwalk Transit CEO Kim Morton, Stamford Interim Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise, HARTransit Operations Manager Guyauth Gabbidon, WestCOG staff members in attendance were Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Todd Fontanella, Kristin Floberg, Kevin Mahoney, Nick Trabka, Nicole Sullivan, Charles Vidich, Victoria Ricks, Cricket Carpenter and Executive Director Francis Pickering. Also in attendance were Jason Hyde PE from New Milford, Chris Muir from the Town of Wilton, Eric Nelson from Rauhaus Freedenfeld & Associates, Bill Daggett

from DWG Architects and Shelter Planners, Tracy Alston, Stephen Silver, Sean Redding, Patty Tyrie, and Jack Arsego from Eversource.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:24 by Chairman Rudy Marconi.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public identified themselves or offered comment when invited to do so.

FEAUTURED PRESENTATIONS

Animal Control Review Committee: Eric Nelson from Rauhaus Freedendfeld & Associates, and Bill Daggett from DWG Architects and Shelter Planners provided an overview of the Regional Animal Control Study.

Regional Affordable Housing Plan: WestCOG Project Manager Charles Vidich and Planner Kristin Floberg provided an update.

Eversource Vegetation management: Sean Redding, Jack Arsego, and Tracy Alston from Eversource provided an overview.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 08/19/2021 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan, the minutes of the August 19, 2021 meeting was unanimously approved.

DEMHS Region 5: Memo of Understanding: WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton and seconded by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read, the DEMHS Region 5: Memo of Understanding was unanimously approved.

LOTICIP Adjustments: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney gave an overview. After review and on a motion made by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass and seconded by Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton the LOTICIP Adjustments were unanimously approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

FEMA: WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided an update.

Impact of COVID-19 on Property Assessments: WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided an update.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business.

Next Meeting: Thursday October 21st 2021

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson and seconded by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read, it was voted to unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 2:32 pm.