

**APPROVED Council Minutes**

for the 10/21/2021 Regular Meeting

Held at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association  
27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut

*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 ..... First Selectman Steve Dunn  
Danbury ..... Absent  
Darien ..... First Selectman Jayme Stevenson  
Greenwich..... Selectman 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..... Absent  
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**

HARTransit, CEO Rick Schreiner from Norwalk, Norwalk Transit Planning & Marketing Manager Paul Chenard, Carly Kramer from Norwalk Redevelopment, Robert Hendrick from Ridgefield Planning & Zoning, James Root from the Danbury Sierra Club, WestCOG staff members in attendance were Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Nicole Sullivan, Victoria Ricks, Cricket Carpenter and Executive Director Francis Pickering.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**Approval of 09/23/2021 Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by New Milford First Selectman Pete Bass, the minutes of the September 23, 2021 meeting was unanimously approved.

**CTDEEP Recreational Trails Grant Program – Letters of Support:** WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos and Carly Kramer from Norwalk Redevelopment gave an overview. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read, the CTDEEP Recreational Trails Grant Program – Letters of Support was unanimously approved.

**LOTICIP Adjustments:** WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney gave an overview. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker the LOTICIP Adjustments were unanimously approved.

**Quarter 1 Financial Report:** WestCOG Financial Director Victoria Ricks gave an overview. After review and on a motion by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn, the Quarter 1 Financial Report was unanimously approved.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**Build Back Better Regional Challenge Grant:** WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided an overview.

**ARPA Project Coordination:** Francis provided an update.

**Regional Services Update:** Francis provided an update.

**Legislative Committee Update:** Francis provided an update.

**COVID-19:** Francis provided an update.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** WestCOG Chairman Rudy Marconi and WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering expressed their gratitude to retiring Darien First Selectman and WestCOG Co-Chair Jayme Stevenson, and Westport First Selectman Jim Marpe for their service and commitment to their communities and WestCOG during their tenure.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday November 18, 2021

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, it was voted to unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 pm.