

APPROVED Council Minutes

for the 11/18/2021 Regular Meeting
Held at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association
27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut

Chairman Rudolph Marconi
Treasurer Julia Pemberton - Secretary Lynne Vanderslice

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Bethel..... First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker
Bridgewater..... First Selectman Curtis Read
Brookfield Absent
Danbury Absent
Darien First Selectman Monica McNally
Greenwich..... Absent
New Canaan..... First Selectman Kevin Moynihan
New Fairfield Absent
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..... First Selectman Samantha Nestor
Westport..... First Selectman Jennifer Tooker
Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice

OTHERS ATTENDING

HARTransit CEO Rick Schreiner, WestCOG staff members in attendance were Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Todd Fontanella, Nicole Sullivan, Betsy Paynter, Victoria Ricks, Cricket Carpenter, and Executive Director Francis Pickering. Also in attendance were Jennifer Johnson from Westport and, James Root from the Danbury Sierra Club

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 by Chairman Rudy Marconi.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No members of the public spoke when asked to do so.

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of 10/21/2021 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Reed and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, the minutes of the October 21st 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

2022 Proposed Meeting Schedule: WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering gave an overview. On a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe, the 2022 Meeting Schedule was unanimously approved.

City of Stamford Water Pollution Authority BRIC Grant Application-Letter of Support: WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan gave an overview. On a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, the City of Stamford Water Pollution Authority BRIC Grant Application-Letter of Support was unanimously approved.

LOT/CIP New Project/Adjustments: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney gave an overview. On a motion made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and Seconded by Bethel First Matt Knickerbocker, the LOT/CIP New Project/Adjustments were unanimously approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

WCEDD appointments: After Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice offered, Rudy made a motion to appoint Lynne as Vice-Chair of the WCEDD. The motion was seconded by Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal and Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker. Lynne's appointment of Vice Chair of the WCEDD was unanimously approved.

ARPA Project Coordination: Francis introduced and welcomed Betsy Paynter as WestCOG's ARPA Project Manager.

Regional Services Update: WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle gave an update.

OTHER BUSINESS: WestCOG Chairman Rudy Marconi and WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering expressed their gratitude to retiring Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn for his service and commitment to their communities and WestCOG during his tenure.

Next Meeting: The December 16th meeting has been canceled. There will be a Special Meeting scheduled on Wednesday December 15, 2021 at 10:30 am.

ADJOURNMENT:

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 1:55 pm.