

APPROVED Council Minutes

for the 12/15/2021 Meeting

Held at the Ridgefield Annex

66 Prospect St, Ridgefield, Connecticut

Chairman Rudolph Marconi

Treasurer Julia Pemberton - Secretary Lynne Vanderslice

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Bethel..... First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker
Bridgewater..... First Selectman Curtis Read
Brookfield First Selectman Tara Carr
Danbury Absent
Darien First Selectman Monica McNally
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..... First Selectman Julia Pemberton
Ridgefield..... First Selectman Rudy Marconi
Sherman..... First Selectman Don Lowe
Stamford Chief of Staff Bridget Fox
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, Todd Fontanella, Nicole Sullivan, Nick Trabka, Kristin Floberg, Betsy Paynter, Victoria Ricks, Cricket Carpenter, and Executive Director Francis Pickering. Also in attendance were Pippa Bell Ader from Westport, Tracey Alston from Eversource, Meg Haffner & April Chaplin from the Kennedy Center, Jenny Larkin from Greenwich, Travonn Diaz from Senator Murphy's office, Jim Murray from Brookfield, Martin Henry Certified Public Accountant from Henry, Raymond & Thompson LLC, Jennifer Johnson from Westport, and James Root from the Danbury Sierra Club.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 by Chairman Rudy Marconi.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of 11/18/2021 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, the minutes of the November 18th 2021 meeting were unanimously approved with abstentions made by Brookfield First Selectman Tara Carr, Greenwich Selectman Lauren Rabin, Weston First Selectman Samantha Nestor, and Westport First Selectman Jennifer Tooker.

2022 Annual Dues: WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering gave an overview. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Darien First Selectman Monica McNally, the 2022 Annual Dues were unanimously approved.

Resolution to Accept Regional Service Grant Funding: Francis gave an overview. After review and on a motion made by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan, the Resolution to Accept Regional Service Grant Funding was unanimously approved.

Resolution to Accept EDA Long-Term Recovery Grant Funding: Francis gave an overview. After review and on a motion made by Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker the Resolution to Accept EDA Long-Term Recovery Grant Funding was unanimously approved.

WCEDD Appointments: WestCOG ARPA Project Manager Betsy Paynter gave an update. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe, the WCEDD Appointments were unanimously approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Audit Review: Certified Public Accountant Martin Henry from Henry, Raymond & Thompson LLC, provided an overview.

Strategic Vision and Planning: Francis provided an update.

Legislative Luncheon: Francis provided an update. The Luncheon will be scheduled for February.

2022 Policy Priorities: Francis provided an update.

COVID-19 Review: Francis provided an update.

Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP): Francis provided an update.

Economic Development: Francis provided an update.

Broadband RFP: Francis provided an update.

319 Grant – Zoning Technical Support: Francis provided an update.

OTHER BUSINESS: No Other business was discussed.

Next Meeting: Thursday January 20th, 2021

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read, it was voted to unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 pm.