Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



APPROVED Council Minutes

for the 03/17/2022 Meeting Held via Zoom Webinar

Chairman Rudolph Marconi

Vice Chair- Julia Pemberton/Treasurer - Lynne Vanderslice/ Secretary Kevin Moynihan

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Bethel...... First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker

Bridgewater..... Absent

Brookfield..... First Selectman Tara Carr

Danbury Absent

Darien First Selectman Monica McNally

Greenwich...... Selectman Lauren Rabin

New Canaan..... Absent

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......Absent

Weston..... First Selectman Samantha Nestor

Westport...... First Selectman Jennifer Tooker

Wilton.....Absent

OTHERS ATTENDING HARTransit Transit Operations Manager-Guyauth Gabbidon, Kathryn Faraci from CTDOT, CTDOT Transportation Planner- Sara Radacsi, Norwalk Transit District CEO Kimberlee Morton, WestCOG staff members in attendance were Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Charles Vidich, Todd Fontanella, Nicole Sullivan, Victoria Ricks, Cricket Carpenter, and Executive Director Francis Pickering. Also in attendance were United States Senate Outreach Assistant Trayvonn Diaz, District Director for Congresswoman Jahana Hayes- Jennine Lupo, EVERSOURCE Community Relations Specialist- Tracey Alston, Meg Haffner and April Chaplin from the Kennedy Center, and Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthal's office, Paul Hearn from Baralmar Advisors LLC, and James Root from the Sierra Club.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 12:48 p.m. by Chairman Rudy Marconi.

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

FEATURED PRESENTATION: Alvin Bingham and Jim Murray from the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities provided a presentation of the requirements for municipalities working with state funds on public works projects.

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of February 17th 2022 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Low the minutes of February 17th 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

Resolution for Regional Broadband Study, Affordable Housing Financing Study, and Regional Flood Management Assistance: WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering 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 for Resolution for Regional Broadband Study, Affordable Housing Financing Study, and Regional Flood Management Assistance was unanimously approved.

LOTCIP Adjustments: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Sherman First Selectman Don Low and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker the LOTCIP Adjustments were unanimously approved with an abstention made by Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton.

OTHER BUSINESS: No Other business was discussed.

Next Meeting: MPO & COG Meeting Thursday, April 21st 2022.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion duly made the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 1:49 p.m.