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INTERIM MINUTES

Council/Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization/South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization for the 11/16/2023 Meeting

The Benjamin 20 West Lane, Ridgefield, CT 06877

COG Chairman Rudolph Marconi / Vice Chair- Julia Pemberton
Treasurer -Lynne Vanderslice / Secretary Kevin Moynihan
HVMPO Chairman Rudy Marconi / Vice Chairman Julia Pemberton
SWRMPO Chairman Lynne Vanderslice / Vice Chairman Kevin Moynihan

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Bethel.....First Selectman Dan Carter- COG/HVMPO
Bridgewater.....First Selectman Curtis Read
Brookfield.....First Selectwoman Tara Carr – COG/HVMPO
Danbury.....Absent-COG/HVMPO
Darien.....Absent- COG/SWRMPO
Greenwich.....Selectman Lauren Rabin - COG/SWRMPO
New Canaan.....First Selectman Kevin Moynihan- COG/SWRMPO
New Fairfield.....Absent- COG/HVMPO
New Milford.....Mayor Pete Bass – COG/HVMPO
Newtown.....First Selectman Dan Rosenthal- COG/HVMPO
Norwalk.....Absent COG/SWRMPO
Redding.....First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton- COG/HVMPO
Ridgefield.....First Selectman Rudy Marconi- COG/HVMPO
Sherman.....First Selectman Don Lowe COG/HVMPO
Stamford.....Mayor Caroline Simmons -SWRMPO
Weston.....Absent- COG/SWRMPO
Westport.....First Selectwoman Jennifer Tooker COG/SWRMPO
Wilton.....First Selectwoman Lynne Vanderslice- COG/SWRMPO
Transit Representative..... Rick Schreiner- HVMPO
Transit Representative.....Absent-SWRMPO
CTDOT.....Kevin Tedesco (Non-voting MPO member)
MPO Staff.....Francis Pickering (Non-voting MPO member)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Incoming Newtown First Selectman Jeff Capeci, and New Canaan First Selectman Dionna Carlson. WestCOG staff members in attendance were Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Mike Wilson, Victoria Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter. Also in attendance was Olivia Rizzuto from COG Coordinator CTDOT and Paul Hearn from Baralmar.

CALL TO ORDER:

The HVMPO and COG meetings were called to order at 12:25 p.m. by Rudy Marconi, Chairman

Public Participation: Kevin Tedesco from CTDOT introduced Transportation Planner Olivia Rizzuto as the new COG Coordinator from CTDOT.

Approval of the 10/19/2023 HVMPO Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe the minutes of the 10/19/2023 HVMPO meeting were unanimously approved.

Approval of the COG 10/19/2023 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter the minutes of the 10/19/2023 COG meeting were unanimously approved.

COG Action Items:

DEMHS Memo of Understanding (MOU): WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided the review. After review and on a motion made by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe the DEMHS MOU was unanimously approved.

ADA Transition Plan Project: WestCOG Senior Planner Mike Wilson provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan the ADA Transition Plan Project was unanimously approved.

MPO Information Items:

2024 Proposed Meeting Dates: WestCOG's Francis Pickering provided the review.

CALL TO ORDER:

The SRWMPO meeting was called to order at 12:45 by the Hon. Lynne Vanderslice, Chairman

Approval of the 10/19/2023 SWRMPO Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan and seconded by Stamford Mayor Caroline Simmons the minutes of the 10/19/2023 SWRMPO meeting were unanimously approved.

Nominating Committee: WestCOG's Francis Pickering provided the overview. He will send out an email to the CEOs explaining the duties of the committee members.

COG Information Items:

2024 Proposed Meeting Dates: Francis provided the review.

Legislative Priorities: Francis provided the overview of the updated priorities. The Legislative Reception will be in January.

Nominating Committee: Francis provided the overview. There will be a meeting set up after Thanksgiving.

Other Business: Resolutions of appreciation were presented to the following exiting CEOs for their dedicated service: Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, and New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan.

Next meeting: MPO/COG Thursday, December 14th, 2023

Adjournment: On a motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

INTERIM MINUTES SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY THE COG MEMBERS