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Northeastern Connecticut
Transit District

Meeting Minutes

June 2019 Meeting

June 28th, 2019 - 8:30am - 125 Putnam Pike, Dayville, CT

Allan Cahill, NECCOG chair, opened meeting at 8:34am.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance, which included representation from the following towns: Brooklyn, Canterbury, Eastford, Hampton, Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Scotland, Sterling, Thompson, Union, Voluntown, and Woodstock.

Public Participation: New Eversource Representative, Kevin, briefly discussed partnership/opportunity for partnership with the Department of Economic Community Development.

Opened discussion for previous meeting minutes: none - all in favor

Special Guest and Discussion

- **Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz** arrived at 9:13am - discussions include the following:
 - CT facing \$1.6 billion/year in debt. The Governor is addressing the deficit and cutting debt by 40%
 - Working on modernizing state portals/websites to allow for more online participation. Currently only 5% are capable of online submissions.
 - The addition of adding the question of citizenship to surveys has been declined.
 - Census distribution has been delayed from Monday July 1, 2019 to an unknown date.
 - Transportation concerns:
 - The Town of Plainfield has not had a transit service since 1998. Questions arising on how Plainfield residents are to get to Big Y to take the SEAT bus.
 - Lack of public transportation is effecting the employment rate between Killingly and Plainfield.
 - Scotland losing money annual - increasing deficit is a concern of the stability of the towns future.
 - Seeking structural reform statutes from regional schools.

Director's Report - John Filchak, Executive Director reported following:

- **Transportation:** Windham Region Transit District Transit (WRTD) proposed and will be offering - effective August 19 - offering services from the Windham Region to Quinebaug Valley Community College and Danielson Superior Court, which in turn would eliminate transfers between NECTD and WRTD at Brooklyn Wal-Mart.
 - Southeast Area Transit District (SEAT) proposed services to and from southeastern CT and Big Y, Danielson.
 - In efforts to be more efficient and to save on fuel consumption, NECTD may purchase small vans to transport senior and/or disabled rider's that do not require the use of a wheelchair lift.
 - NECTD to hire in house mechanic. With plans to outreach to other businesses to utilize mechanic and cut costs by about 1/3 to those that participate.
 - Bus surveys from Thompson and Putnam are due today. Next to be surveyed are Brooklyn and Killingly.
- **Pre-Hospital Emergency Care:** Meeting held on June 13 at QVCC had low attendance. A standing committee is to be formed to address issues.
- **Hazardous Household Waste (HHW):** Location has been established in Pomfret and a zoning modification is in progress.
- **Animal Services Program:** Agreement to operate a shelter in Colchester has been approved at \$4,000 annually. The Colchester facility will only house canines, while all over animals will be at the Dayville shelter.
- **Crumbling Foundations:** Currently in place for the project are 666 applications that have been managed with funds.
- **Governor's Bill 7192:** Regional COGs are now (July 1) able to borrow funds to purchase property.
- **Pomfret Airline Trail:** construction to begin next year
- **Veteran's Services Program:** Hoween Flexer has been able to assist 150 plus people since the beginning of the program.
- **Sustainable CT:** NECCOG has been a participating with Sustainable CT for two years. Interns, Alexis Meehan and Normandie Avery, are to reach out to towns in regard to program.
- **Regional Paramedic Program:** participating with NECCOG for the third year

Discussion and Action Items

1. **STIP Amendments:** - Block Vote - Passed Unanimously - Motion by Mr. Beausoleil and second by Ms. Nicholson
 - a. Project 0170-XXXX - SECTION 5311 PROG ADJUST TO ACTUAL APPR, ADMIN & RTAP
PROG FFY 2017, 2019, \$975,000
 - b. Project 0170-XXXX - SECTION 5311 PROG ADJUST TO ACTUAL APPT, ADMIN & RTAP
PROG FFY 2018, 2019, \$1,005,000

- c. Project 0476-XXXX - NECTD - SECTION 5311 CAPITAL FY 2017, 2019, \$215,000
- d. Project 0476-0062 - NECTD - SECTION 5311 CAPITAL FY 2017, 2019, \$566,000
- e. Project 0476-XXXX - NECTD - SECTION 5311 CAPITAL FY 2018 - 2019 - \$75,000
- f. Project 0476-XXXX - NECTD - SECTION 5311 OPERATING - FY 2018 - 2019 - \$566,000

2. Regional Referrals: motion by Ms. Nicholson and second by Mr. Syme each were found to have no regional impact.

- a. Town of Brooklyn - Zoning Regulations and Map Re-Write
- b. Town of Stafford - Proposed zoning amendments pertaining to not-for-profit clubs
- c. Town of Mansfield - Proposed zoning amendments pertaining to affordable housing requirements and maximum building height requirements for multi-family dwellings in the RAR-90 zone.

3. Resolution 19-6-1: Establishing a Standing Committee to Address the Findings and Recommendations of the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Study - motion by Ms. Nicholson and second by Mr. Syme all adopted as presented

4. Resolution 19-6-2: Endorsement of the Connecticut Statewide Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium Policy - - motion by Mr. Syme and second by Mr. Seney - passed unanimously

5. Selectman's Roundtable:

- Mr. Lippke - audit and actuarial services
- Potential finding of RHR personnel through RPIP
- Hampton and Union are interested in joining Veteran Social Services
- Funds for housing rehab program in Hampton is due to expire. Mr. Cahill is seeking letters of support to extend program
- Mr. Syme, First Selectman of Scotland has moved the towns tax department to Windham

Adjournment - 10:20 am