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Northeastern Connecticut
Transit District

Meeting Minutes

March 2019 Meeting

March 22, 2019 - 8:30am - 125 Putnam Pike, Dayville, CT

Rick Ives, NECCOG chair, opened meeting at 8:33am.

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

Also in attendance: Doug Dubitsky

Public Participation: none

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

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

- **Regional Human Resources Programs:** NECCOG will be working with CIRMA - full proposal for next meeting
- **ConnDOT Update:** projected delivery for new NECTD buses is May 2019
- **Audit Status:** audit has been completed. Results will be provided when available.
- **Crumbling Foundations:** over 700 homeowners have filed. There is about approximately \$57 million in claim liability, with less money on hand to cover all repairs.
- **Transportation:** DOT funding is allotted at 170,000 annually
- **Animal Shelter:** Grant for NECCOG animal shelter is no longer available. Previously, date extensions have been made, but due to the uncertainty of the life of the program, the grant was terminated.
- **Hazardous Household Waste Grant (HHW):** the grant will be void in the next 1-2 months if a location cannot be acquired. Mr. Ives suggested the creation of a committed. The members are to include Rick Ives, _____, and _____.
- **Investigation Action Update:** the investigation has been concluded. Results will be shared once available.
- **Facilities Update:** NECCOG Animal Services currently serves 18 towns. NECCOG anticipates notifying participating towns by mid-April in regard to possible relocation of NECCOG Animal Services.
 - Mary Calorio, Killingly Town Manager, stated that NECCOG is on the agenda for Killingly's next meeting.
- Doug Dubitsky, CT State Representative, shared the following approvals
 - Removal of hazardous trees
 - Removal of diseased trees (ie: gypsy moth infestations)

Discussion and Action Items - - Passed - motion by Mr. Syme and second by Mr. Seney

1. **Resolution 19-3-1:** Establishing a NECCOG personnel committee - The Personnel Committee oversees NECCOG human resources management and guides the development and review of personnel policies for the Board of Directors. The Committee provides human resources management advice and counsel to the Executive Director, the individual designated by the bylaws with the responsibility for hiring, disciplining, and dismissing employees.
 - The Personnel Committee shall consists of three (3) Members of Council appointed by the Chair for two (2) year overlapping terms.
 - The Committee meets quarterly or at times set by the members.
2. **Resolution 19-3-2:** NECCOG's complaint policy has been expanded externally. Previously the complaint policy was only applicable internally. - - Passed - motion by Mr. Syme and second by Mr. Seney
3. **Resolution 19-3-3:** Establishing an Animal Services Advisory Committee, which is designed to be more inclusive. The purpose of the Animal Services Advisory Committee is to advise and assist the participating towns from a broad-based perspective way to protect and enhance the quality go life for animals and residents for the towns served by the program. The Animals Services Advisory Committee shall meet bi-monthly or as needed. - - Passed Unanimously - Motion by Mr. Beausoleil and second by Ms. Nicholson
4. **Election of Officers:** Maureen Nicholson nominated Allan Cahill of Hampton. Mr. Cahill accepted the nomination and title of NECCOG Chairperson. Tracy Hanson elected as being Vie-Chairperson. - Passed Unanimously
5. **STIP Amendments** - NONE
6. **Regional Referrals** - NONE
7. **Selectmen's Roundtable** - open discussion on issues, questions, and any other concerns that members may wish to discuss.
 - Vision Government Solutions - over the last 6 months, there has been a lack of communication in regards with their upgrade.

Adjournment - 9:31am

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