



Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

April 27, 2017 - Thursday - 8:30 am - NECCOG Offices, 125 Putnam Pike, Dayville, CT

NECCOG Chair Rick Ives **opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.** and noted there was a **quorum present** (*Brooklyn, Canterbury, Hampton, Eastford, Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Scotland, Sterling, Voluntown and Woodstock*)

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was made and the March 2017 Meeting Minutes were accepted as presented on a motion from Mr. Syme and a second from Mr. Walker

Public Participation was called and a member of the public questioned the use of funds related to the Animal Services Program. The Executive Director gave a brief explanation of how donations are accounted for by NECCOG for the program.

The **Director's Report** was presented by John Filchak, Executive Director

- The Director updated the activities of the **Transit District** and specifically the two pending initiatives for Veteran's Transportation services and to add transit services for Plainfield. In both cases the District is still awaiting word from CONNDOT. The two RFPs under review for Maintenance and Video Surveillance are nearing completion in terms of contract award.
- Animal Services** - continues its regular activities with the expected uptick in activities for the Spring. The Director further reported that five towns (Lebanon, Sprague, Bozrah, Chelchchester and Lisbon) were joining the program.
- Crumbling Foundations** - Still no definitive word or commitment to legislation. The hope is to have a \$30 plus million dollar fund to kick-start assistance coupled with ongoing funding, relief from state building fees, extensions of the statute of limitations on liability claims and other assistance for impacted homeowners and towns. The Director reported that there are still many in the Legislature that want some local liability. He further reported that Tolland and Manchester have already lost \$3.5 and \$4 million respectively from their grand lists due to this issue.
- RPIP Grant Implementation** - Pre-Hospital Emergency Care II, HHW Facility, Animal Shelter are still in place but may be swept at any time.
- Tourism** - NECCOG is assisting DECD Tourism and is ready to assist any member town develop their presence on the State's site

Discussion and Actions

1. **2017-2019 Unified Plan of Work (UPWP) tabled**
2. **Regional Referrals - adopted** as presented on a motion from Mr. Walker and a second by Mr. Syme
 - a. Town of Windham - May 11, 2017 - General Housekeeping Modifications: 71.3 asking Spaces, 71.2 Sign Regulations, 84.4b Adult Uses, 62.3.4 Special Permit Procedures, Section 4 Definitions, 3.19 Donation Bins
 - b. Town of Windham - June 8, 2017 - Keeping of Hens
 - c. Town of Windham - May 11, 2017 - Section 54, Aquifer Protection
4. **STIP Amendments** - Project #0170-3451 - FY17: STATEWIDE TRANS DEMAND MGMNT (GREATER CT , MODERATE) 2017 - New Project - \$1,870,000 - **adopted** as presented on a motion from Mr. Piper and a second by Mr. Syme

Selectmen's Roundtable

General discussion concerning the **Appropriations Committee Budget** (which was not passed) and impacts on towns. Town Budgets are moving forward with some towns using the governor's numbers,

others using last year's numbers, some are using a percentage of the teacher retirement costs.

There was a brief discussion of the upcoming NECCOG/NHCOG Joint Meeting scheduled for May 3, 2017 at the Legislative Office Building

On a motion from Mr. Syme and a second from Mr. Walker it was moved to enter **Executive Session** regarding the future and possible purchase of 125 Putnam Pike. The motion also included the authority to add both Mr. Hendricks and the NECCOG Executive Director to those attending the Executive Session because of their positions relative to the issue.

Motion by Mr. Syme and second by Mr. Brodeur to **Adjourn** at 10:06 am