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Northeastern Connecticut
Transit District

Meeting Minutes

September 2018 Meeting

Friday, September 28, 2018 - 8:30 am - 125 Putnam Pike, Dayville, CT

Mr. Ives, NECCOG Chair, opened the meeting at 8:30 am

Member Towns Represented: Brooklyn, Canterbury, Eastford, Killingly, Pomfret, Plainfield, Putnam, Scotland, Thompson, Union and Voluntown

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted and action on the previous meeting minutes were tabled for the October meeting. There was no public participation or additional agenda items.

The Executive Director, John Filchak, updated the Council on the following matters:

- ▶ Thompson Zoning Re-write
- ▶ Scotland Zoning Re-write
- ▶ Pomfret Branding Strategy
- ▶ Pomfret Airline Trail Assistance
- ▶ Voluntown POCD
- ▶ Plainfield Transit Re-Introduction - explaining that the initiative is now in some level of doubt.
- ▶ Transit District Operations
- ▶ 125 Putnam Pike Purchase - Director reported that he had a productive meeting with Killingly and is now working with the NECCOG attorney to draft the purchase agreement.
- ▶ Crumbling Foundations - Director shared that progress is being made with the Captive Insurance Company and that he was optimistic that payments will begin before the end of the calendar year.
- ▶ DEMHS Region 4 Activities - Director noted that the new budget was adopted.
- ▶ Approval of CEDS (DECD) from the State - Director reported that the second of the two state approvals is now secured and that NECCOG will now make application to EDA for federal status.
- ▶ Natural Hazard Mitigation Update - Director reported that the update process has begun
- ▶ Transportation - Staff is working with multiple towns on projects for submission.
- ▶ Animal Shelter - Director reported that the RFP submittals had been reviewed by the advisory committee and that they had made a recommendation.
- ▶ New Veteran's Grant (5310) for \$284,000 - Director informed the Council of the grant award (the application as made about three years ago) and the issue that there are no vehicles for the service as we had anticipated using surplus transit vehicles.
- ▶ Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Study - Study is underway - with a kick-off meeting having been held.
- ▶ Regional Human Services/Veteran's Advisor - Until such time that staffing can be secured -

- existing staff (Ms. Flexer) will cover this program.
- ▶ Regional Audit Services Program Status - working with NECCOG attorney on approaches
- ▶ CCM Annual Meeting Workshop - Director has been asked to speak on the future of COGs
- ▶ ACIR - examining how the legislature should identify the fiscal impacts of proposed legislation/state budget - Director is chairing this effort

Discussion and Action Items

1. Resolution 9-1-18, **Endorsement of New Transit Routes and Addition of Plainfield as a Full Member of NECTD** - The Director discussed the current situation with re-introducing transit services to the town and that the prospect has diminished for the immediate future. Ms. Tendrich asked that the resolution be withdrawn - which as seconded by Mr. Griffiths - passed unanimously. Mr. Griffiths made a new motion that NECCOG be supportive of Plainfield's efforts to establish transit service for its town and that the resolution be held pending more information/action. This motion as seconded by Mr. Syme and it passed unanimously.
2. Presentation - **Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Study Process Overview** - Bob Holdsworth, President The Holdsworth Group, Inc. overviewing the study and the data needs from each EMS service and town.
3. Selection of **Recommended Architect Firm** for the Updated Animal Shelter - Silver, Pertrucelli and Associates of Hamden, CT. Motion by Mr. Beausoleil and second by Mr. Syme to select the recommended firm - passed unanimously.

4. STIP Amendments/Actions (block vote)

- a. Project #0172-0476, District 2 - Replace Traffic Control Signals In Various Locations, New Project - Phase PD, \$412,000 - 2019, Phase PD, \$235,000 - 2020, Phase ROW \$100,000 - 2020, Phase CON, \$3.5 million - 2021
- b. Project 0136-0073, CT 14 - Sterling, Replace Bridge 00688 Over Mossup River, Con \$300,000, Increase Estimate From Fed \$120K. This Is 8.8 Percent
- c. Project 0170-3415, Statewide - CE Sign Support Insp - NHS Roads (9/1/16-8/31/21) - AC Conversion - 2018, \$1.03 M - Increase FY18 AC Conversion From FED \$934K. This 12.08 Percent Increase, 2019, \$1893150 - Increase FY19 AC Conversion From FED \$934K. THIS IS 13.8 Percent Increase, 2020, \$1987810 - Reduce FY20 AC Conversion From FED \$2.336M. THIS IS 17.74 Percent Decrease
- d. Project #0172-0480, District 2 - Upgrade Traffic Signals To Led At Various Locations, New Project - Phase PD, 2019 - \$225,000, Phase PD, 2019 - \$50,000, Phase Construction, 2019 - \$1.8 Million

Motion by Ms. Nicholson and second by Mr. Griffiths the amendments were approved by block vote unanimously.

5. Regional Referrals (block vote)

- a. **Town of Woodstock** - Proposed Comprehensive Revision to the Woodstock Subdivision Regulations via Text Amendment
- b. **Town of Chaplin** - Proposed Regulation Revisions, Zoning and Subdivision: Subdivision Regulations Article IV, Open Space Subdivision - Deletion of entire section, All sections of Zoning Regulations relating to Agriculture,

Section 5.3 - Business District Accessory Apartments - New Subsection, Section 8.6 Earth Excavation - Revisions to entire section and Section 8.8 Open Space Subdivisions - Deletion of Entire Section

- c. **Town of Wellington** - Proposed Zone Change - new notice due to "Jurisdictional Defect" with applications PZC2018-19 and PZC2018-20 Special Permit

Motion by Mr. Beausoleil and second by Ms. Nicholson the amendments were approved by block vote unanimously.

4. **Selectmen's Roundtable** - Open discussion on issues, questions or whatever the members would like to discuss.

- ☐ Recycling Issues - Members discussed and asked that the Director attempt to get Willi Waste to attend the next meeting to discuss the issue in detail. Ms. Hamzy of CCM added that CCM had done a forum on this issue in the western part of the state and would forward contact information to the Director.
- ☐ Hazard Trees - Members discussed this issue at length including their individual efforts to identify priority trees for removal this year - before winter weather is in place. There was discussion of using TAR funds to take trees down and that OPM would soon be giving word as to the use of LOCIP funds for tree removal.

Adjourn - Motion at 9:45 am to adjourn by Mr. Griffiths - second by Mr. Syme - **Approved**