

# NECCOG Meeting

August 2020





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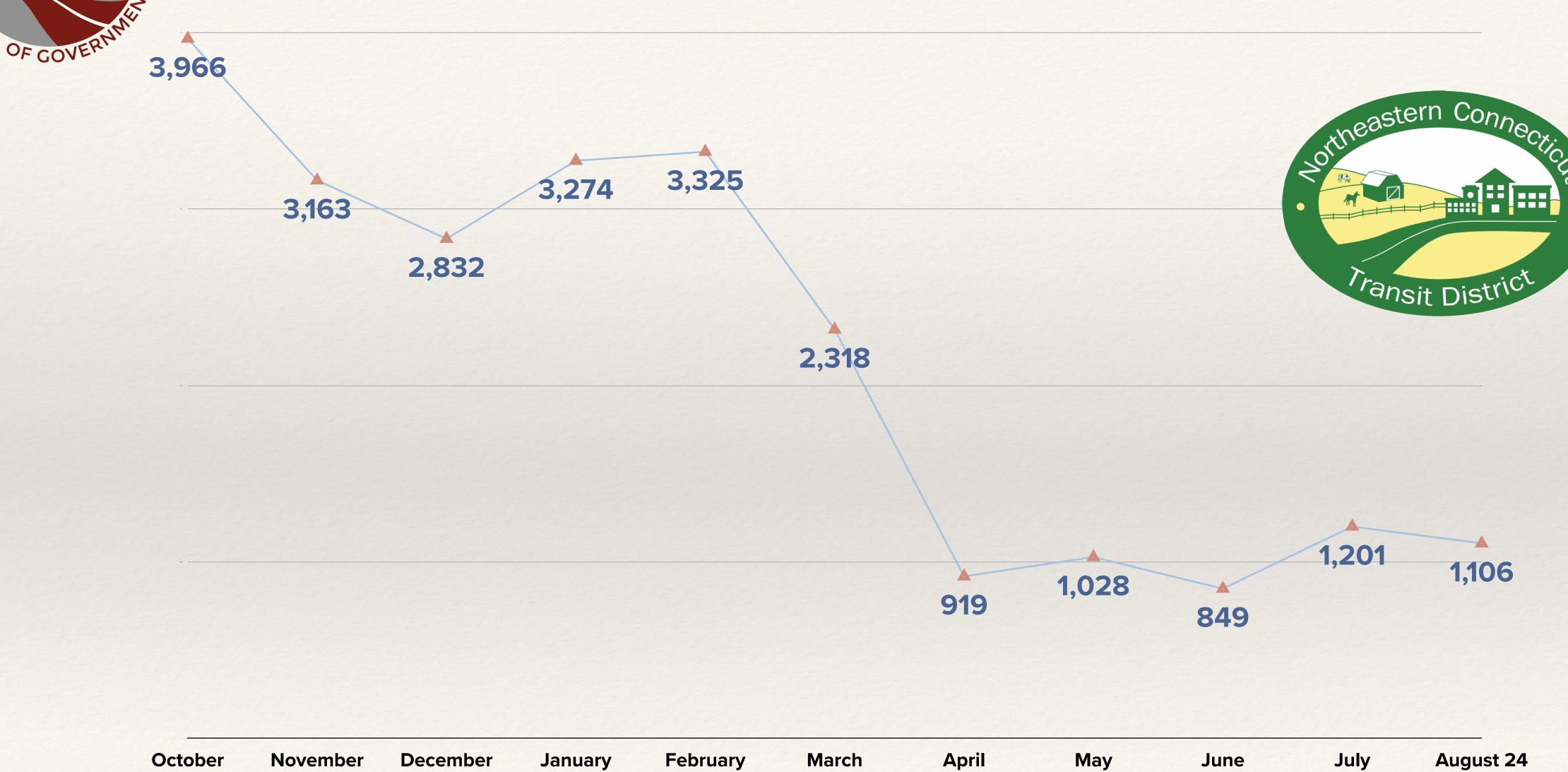
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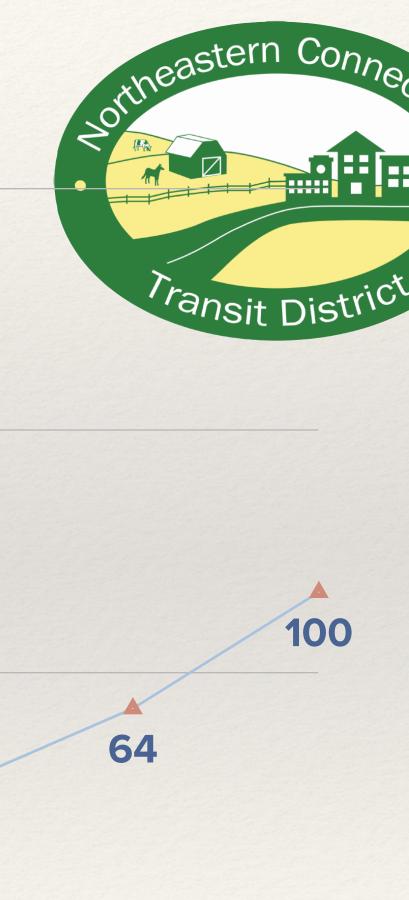
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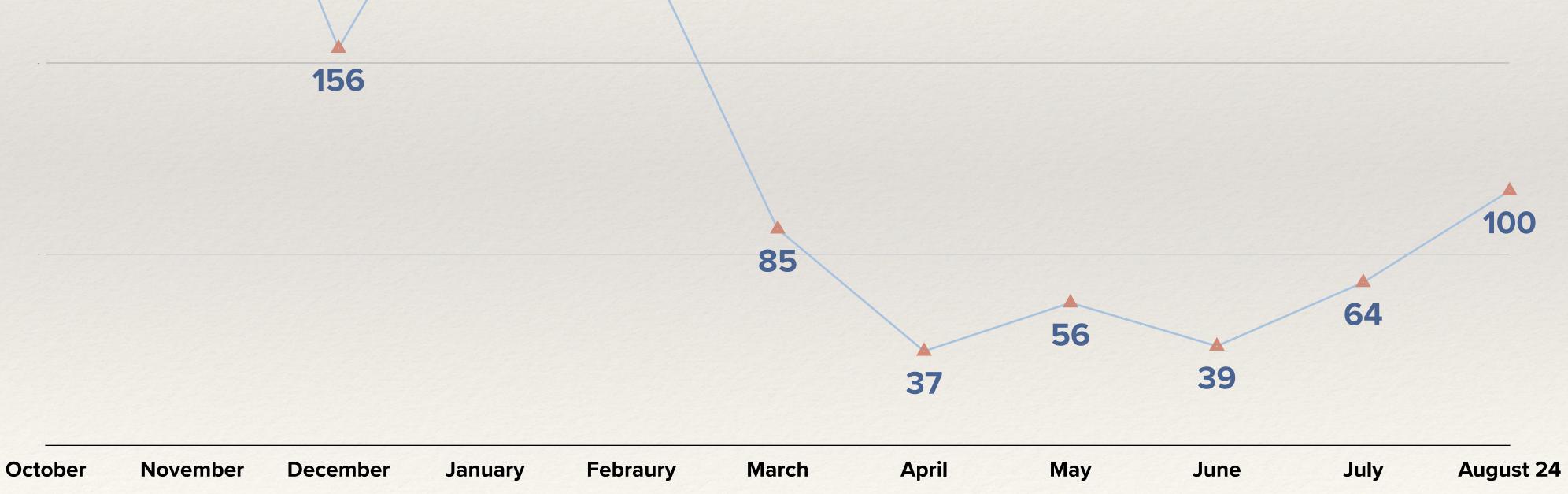


# **Deviated—Fixed Route Ridership**



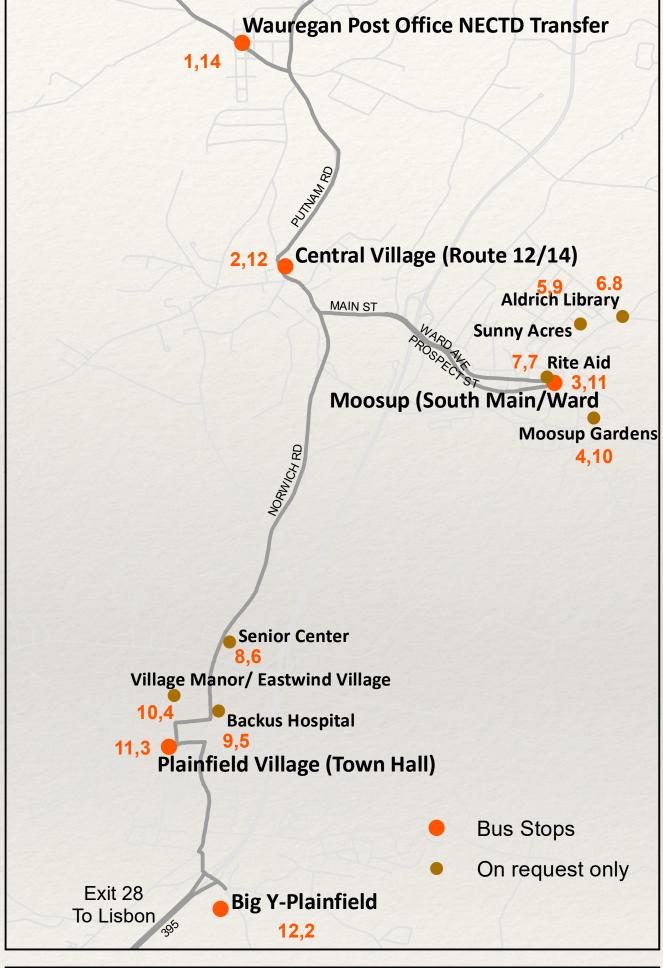
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# **Plainfield Bus Service**





## **Starts September 8, 2020**

Plainfield Public Transit Demonstration Project												
Southbound					Northbound							
Wauregan Post office NECTD Transfer	Central Village (Routes 12/14)	Moosup (South Main and Ward)	Plainfield Village (Town Hall)	Big Y	Lisbon Landing (Arrive)	Transfer	Lisbon Landing (Depart)	Big Y	Plainfield Village (Town Hall)	Central Village (Routes 12/14)	Moosup (South Main and Ward)	Wauregan Post office NECTD Transfer
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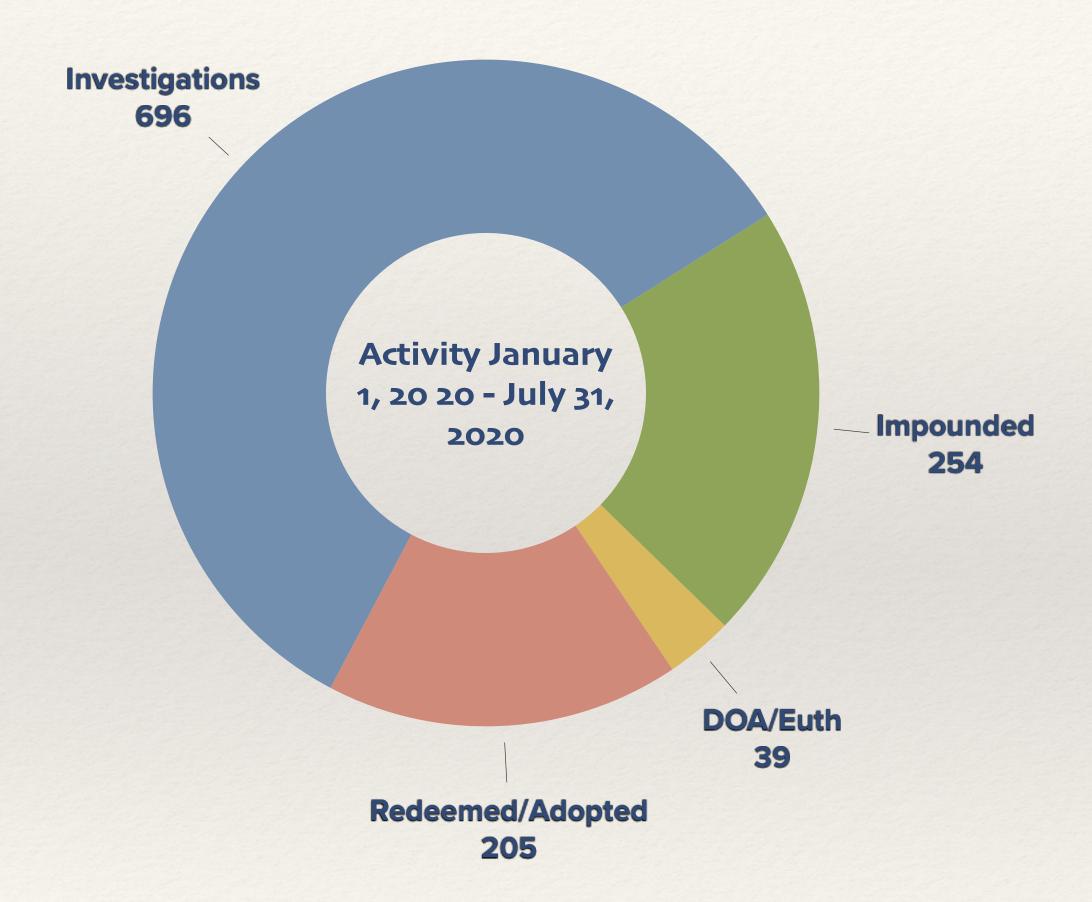
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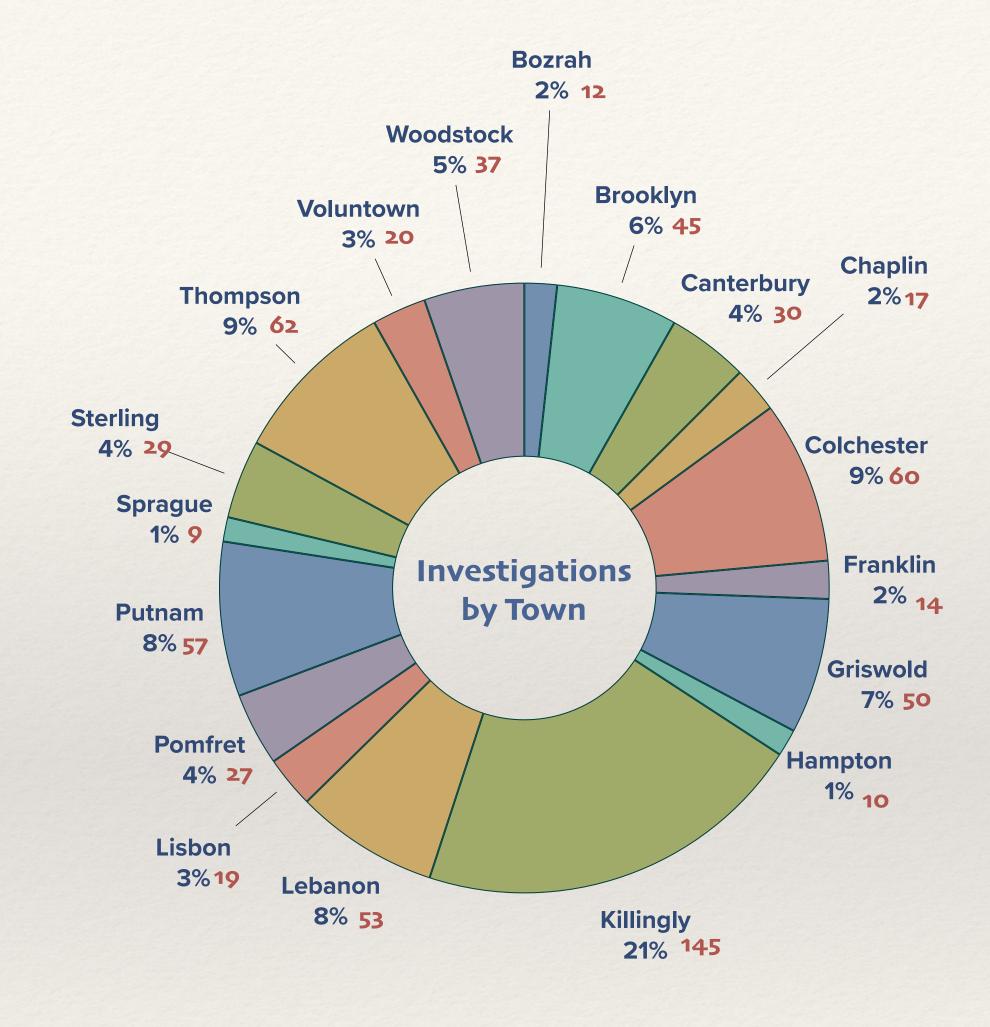


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# Regional Animal Services









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#### available for adoption

Check out these furry friends that are looking for their forever home!

#### apply for a pet online

Or Print and Mail:

Dog Application (PDF) | Cat Application (PDF) | Other Animal (PDF)





Meet Opie, he is a neutered male around 6 years old. Opie does well with other cats and dogs. Opie is a sweet boy who is looking for his forever home, please fill out a application



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# Regional Engineering Services

### Brooklyn

- □ Vachon Chevrolet Parking Expansion Reviewed consulting engineer's plans for Brooklyn Planning and Zoning Commission. Consultant updated plans per my review comments and plans reviewed once again without any further comments.
- ☐ Weaver Day Street Subdivision #2 Reviewing plans for a Brooklyn Planning and Zoning Commission application. This project does not include any new road construction and consists of 6 single-family house lots with wells and septic systems.
- 14 White Brook Drive Review site plan for installation of a swimming pool close to a side yard setback for Zoning Enforcement Officer.
- □64 Paradise Drive Review site plan for installation of a swimming pool close to a side yard setback for Zoning Enforcement Officer.
- □331 Wolf Den Road Review site plan for installation of a swimming pool close to a side yard setback for Zoning Enforcement Officer.
- □155 Mason Road Review site plan for construction of a new single family dwelling and possible wetlands impact for Zoning Enforcement Officer/Wetlands Enforcement Officer.
- □ **Tripp Hollow Road 2-Lot Subdivision** Begin reviewing site plan for a 2-lot subdivision being proposed by A. Kausch & Sons, LLC. Project is located on the west side of Tripp Hollow Road opposite CL&P utility poles #600 and #2031. Submitted review comments for a wetlands application.
- ☐ Beecher Road 5-Lot Subdivision Begin reviewing plans (version 1) for a 5-lot subdivision begin proposed by VBL Properties, LLC. Project is located on the south side of Beecher Road between Route 169 and Bailley Woods Road. Submitted review comments for a wetlands application.
- ☐ Lehto Gravel Excavation Site plan review. Project is an expansion of an existing Lehto gravel removal operation accessed via Riverwalk Drive (private road) from the east side of Allen Hill Road.
- □ 30 Almada Drive Review site plan for installation of a swimming pool zoning permit.



# Regional Engineering Services

## Brooklyn

- ☐ Prince Hill Road 3-Lot Subdivision Reviewed a 4 sheet plan set with supporting documentation for a wetlands application.
- ☐ Church Street 3-Lot Subdivision Reviewed a 5 sheet plan set with supporting documentation for a wetlands application.
- ☐ Louise Berry Drive 51 Unit Multi-Family Development This project is adjacent to the Brooklyn Elementary and Middle School grounds.
- 229 Allen Hill Road Reviewed a site sketch for pool installation.

## Canterbury

☐ Tarbox Road Relocation - Reviewed the Applicant's consulting engineer's plans and drainage calculations for the Town of Canterbury Land Use Officer.

## Chaplin

North Bear Hill Road @ Route 198 Intersection Improvement Study - Field reconnaissance has been conducted to determine boundaries of project that will need a right-of-way and topographic survey for engineering design. Conducted and additional site visit with First Selectman and Highway Foreman to view the intersection and discuss possible design. Prepared a list of tasks for the town to give to a survey firm to prepare a base map of the project area to be used in the redesign of the intersection. In contact with the land surveyor and forwarded task list to them to prepare a cost estimate for the Town of Chaplin.

#### **Pomfret**

☐ Future Salt Shed Site Plan at the Public Works Facility Property - Preliminary conceptual design has begun



# Regional Engineering Services

### **Pomfret**

- □ Route 169 Sidewalk Project Inspect contractor's corrective sidewalk ramp work. Attended an additional site inspection with First Selectman, B&W and CT DOT inspector. All corrective work was satisfactory to the DOT inspector.
- □ Rich Road The First Selectman has asked to evaluate a drainage issue and road width issue on this road.
- ☐ Taft Pond Road Bridge Three site visits made with First Selectman, CT DOT bridge inspectors and KWP. DOT has determined that the bridge is in need of some immediate repairs and has rated the capacity of the bridge at no more than 3 tons. Other issue involves insufficient anchorage of railings due to corrosion of beam members and inadequate attachment to the outer bridge beams. Town of Pomfret with assistance from KWP will evaluate course of action for temporary repairs up to total replacement. The bridge may be restricted to one lane of traffic.
- □ Future Pomfret Bulky Waste Site Prepared a conceptual drawing for the future Pomfret bulky wasted site on the site where the regional household hazardous waste site was proposed. The drawing will be used in support of a grant application. The drawing was submitted to the First Selectman for review and comment. Prepared and submitted a preliminary cost estimate to the First Selectman for use in support of her STEAP grant application.

### **Putnam**

- □ Church Street/ Woodstock Avenue Sidewalks and Pavement Restoration Pavement coring and subgrade material testing results received from town staff. Plans and specifications require modification based upon poor subgrade material and cost estimate recalculated accordingly. Continue updating plans and specs per CT DOT review comments. Modifications should be ready to resubmit to Jim Larkin for transmittal to CT DOT for further review next week (05/26). Plans, specifications and revised cost estimate sent to CT DOT and town staff for further review on 6/1/2020. DOT still reviewing the document submission as of this report.
- Grove Street Sidewalk Reconstruction Plans and specifications are in progress. Plans are approximately 80% complete and bid documents are approximately 90% complete. Plans are almost completed and will most likely be submitted to CT DOT for review in the next week. Plans and specs have been submitted to CT DOT for review.
- ☐ School Street Sidewalk Replacement LOTCIP Application reviewed J&D Engineering's LOTCIP completed application cost estimate.

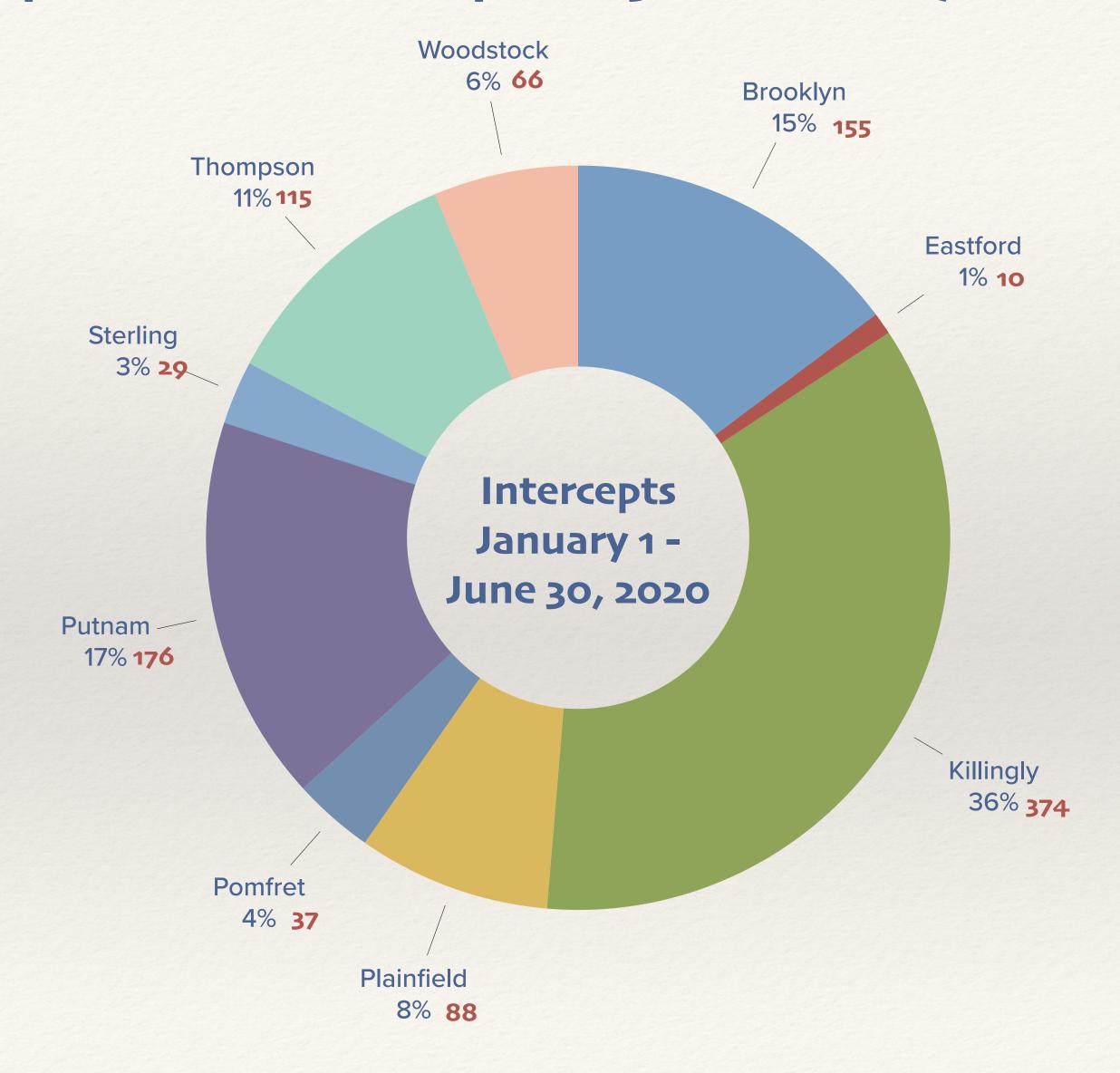
  Comments made and forwarded to Jim so he can forward to J&D for their modification to the cost estimate.



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# Regional paramedic Intercept Program Activity





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# Invitation to Submit Proposals Regional Revaluations

The Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments hereby invites the submission of Proposals for:

THE COMPLETE REAPPRAISAL AND REVALUATION OF ALL REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWNS OF: ASHFORD, BROOKLYN, CANTERBURY, CHAPLIN, EASTFORD, HAMPTON,, PLAINFIELD, POMFRET, SCOTLAND, SPRAGUE, STERLING, THOMPSON, AND WOODSTOCK, CONNECTICUT

Commencing with the October 1, 2020 Grand List and terminating with the October 1, 2025 Grand List. The Proposals will be received at the offices of the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments, 125 Putnam Pike, PO Box 759, Dayville, Connecticut 06241 until June 23, 2020 1:00 p.m at which time they will be publicly opened via ZOOM (details of which will be posted on the NECCOG website and to any proposer requesting such instructions.)

Specifications and other information may be obtained by contacting the Executive Director for NECCOG, John Filchak at <a href="mailto:john.filchak@neccog.org">john.filchak@neccog.org</a>.

John Filchak, Director Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments

Issue Date: May 29, 2020

Pre-Proposal Meeting: June 17, 2020 (9:00am)

Date Due: June 25, 2020 (1:00 pm)

125 Putnam Pike, Dayville, CT 06241 p. 860-774-1253 fax 860-779-2056 web neccog.org



\$33.50



\$29.00



\$26.69



\$26.95



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☐ Annual OPM Parcel/Data Request - Some towns have already sent theirs in and Jim Larkin is working with towns in our regional program to update their CAMA data



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Ashford, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Eastford, Hampton, Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Scotland, Sterling, Thompson, Union, Voluntown and Woodstock

August 7, 2020

Debra Beavin

Economic Development Representative (MA, CT, RI)
U.S. Department of Commerce - EDA
Philadelphia Regional Office
Robert N.C. Nix, Sr. Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse
900 Market Street, Room 60
Philadelphia, PA 19107

RE: Southeastern Connecticut Enterprise Region's Application to the Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration to Expand its Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Service Area

Dear Ms. Beavin,

On behalf of the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG), I am pleased to support the Southeastern Connecticut Enterprise Region's (seCTer) application to the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) to expand its Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) service area to serve small businesses in the regions corresponding to those of the Southeastern and Northeastern Connecticut Councils of Governments (SCCOG and NECCOG). NECCOG has 16 member towns and is one of nine regional councils of governments in Connecticut. NECCOG is a chief-elected official driven, organized forum for the member towns to discuss, facilitate and develop responses to issues of mutual concern. NECCOG represents the municipalities of Ashford, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Eastford, Hampton, Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Scotland, Sterling, Thompson, Union, Voluntown and Woodstock. The towns along the Route 395 corridor represented by the NECCOG have a well-developed advanced manufacturing cluster. NECCOG also has a federally designated Opportunity Zone in Putnam. NECCOG has an EDA approved Comprehensive Economic Development and is in the process of securing an Economic Development District designation.

NECCOG's region currently does not have an EDA RLF fund or a regional community development agency supplying non-traditional loans or grants. The EDA RLF would enable seCTer to provide capital to underserved markets throughout the region. Towns within our region have been particularly impacted by the long-term lack of funding opportunities, and business and community development resources. The pandemic has exacerbated these inequities. The EDA RLF administered by seCTer would enhance our development capabilities, economic growth and pandemic recovery in northeastern Connecticut.

The NECCOG currently works with seCTer's Procurement Technical Assistance Center (CT PTAC). SeCTer's services have been very effective and much appreciated by businesses in our region that have gained the knowledge and ability to gain profitable government contracts for their goods and services. CT PTAC is continuing to advance efforts in the region by partnering with the Northeast Connecticut Chamber of Commerce. Similar programs with seCTer as a non-traditional regional lender would be most welcome.

I look forward to continuing to work with seCTer as they provide a crucial resource for business development in NECCOG's member towns. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

John Filchak Executive Director

Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (860) 942-3860

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# For the towns that are looking to or have already applied for STP Rural funds

- Jim Larkin has met with CT DOT and we are awaiting more information regarding the federal limitations as they relate to minor collector roads.
- At this time only 15% of the total amount can be used on minor collectors per year.
- While we are still waiting on the total number, we believe it will be somewhere around \$7-\$8 million capping projects around \$1 million.
- That would be Eastford, Hampton and Thompson.



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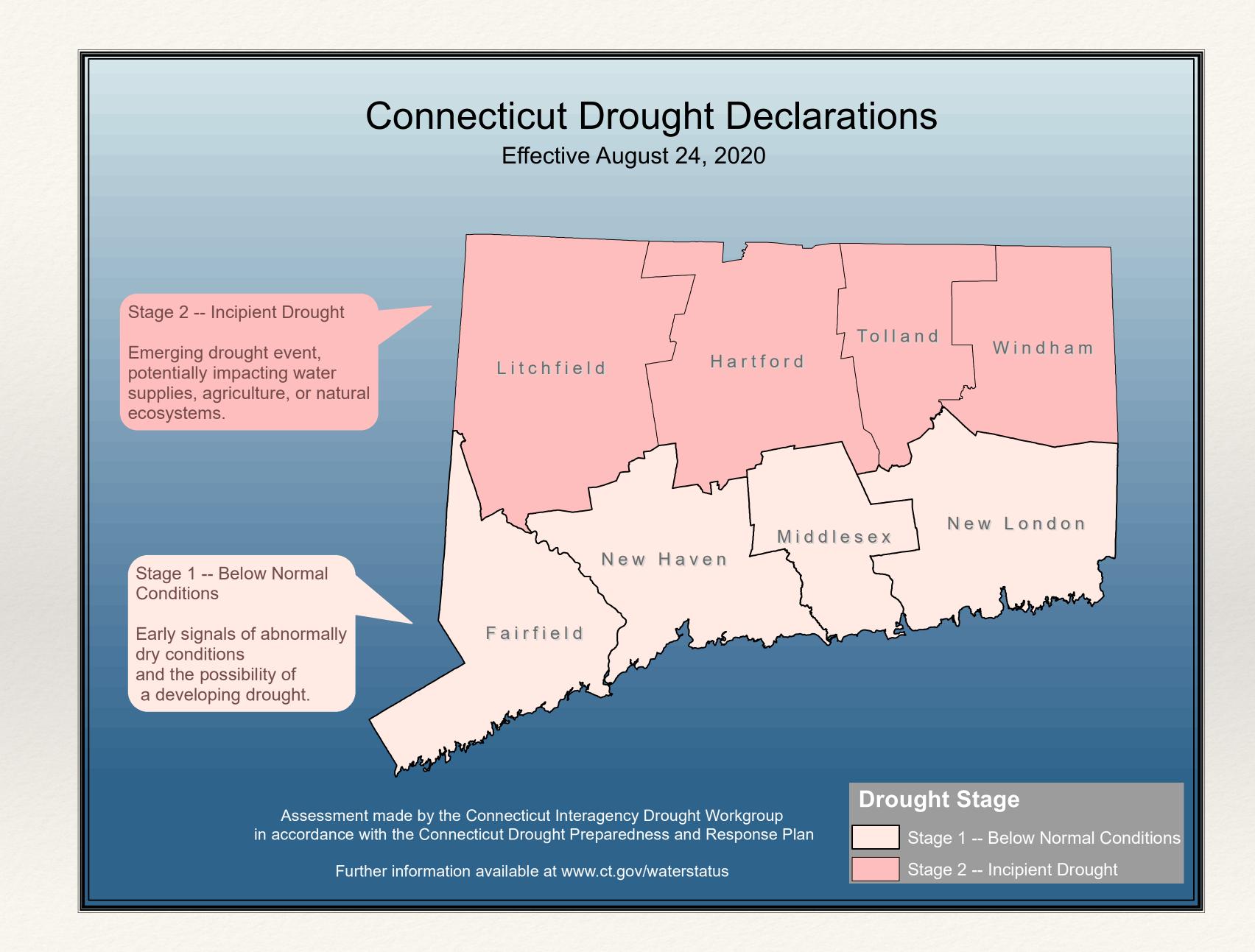


Period: March 1, 2020 - June 30, 2020							
cog	Salaries & Overhead	Direct Costs	Total				
Capitol Region COG	26,418.02	24,970.95	51,388.97				
CT Metro COG	17,901.72	5,650.00	23,551.72				
Naugatuck Valley COG	64,557.80	17,336.13	81,893.93				
Northeast CT COG	40,999.84	6,778.95	47,778.79				
Northwest Hills COG	29,932.00	-	29,932.00				
RiverCOG [1]	20,511.83	30,587.40	51,099.23				
South Central Regional COG	9,764.32	-	9,764.32				
Southeastern CT COG	44,136.36	4,788.09	48,924.45				
WestCOG	50,836.43	13,900.00	64,736.43				
Total COG Cost	305,058.31	104,011.52	409,069.83				

	Period: July 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020						
COG	Salaries & Overhead	Direct Costs	Total				
Capitol Region COG	132,323.80	16,180.00	148,503.80				
CT Metro COG	110,632.61	1,500.00	112,132.61				
Naugatuck Valley COG	47,196.78	21,000.00	68,196.78				
Northeast CT COG	82,478.85	13,150.00	95,628.85				
Northwest Hills COG	55,956.10	100.00	56,056.10				
RiverCOG [1]	84,030.71	17,040.00	101,070.71				
South Central Regional COG	63,679.79	30,000.00	93,679.79				
Southeastern CT COG	101,255.07	4,400.00	105,655.07				
WestCOG	102,300.14	5,000.00	107,300.14				
Total COG Cost	779,853.84	108,370.00	888,223.84				

**EDA Application through CRCOG for 21-22** 







# REPT CEO Annual Meeting Reminder

The DEMHS Region 4 Regional Emergency Planning Team, comprised of the Chief Elected Officials in Region 4, will meet via Zoom on Thursday, September 10, at 8:30 a.m. for the Annual Meeting and to discuss and act on the FY 2020 Regional Homeland Security Grant budget.

As per the REPT Bylaws, each town may name a proxy for this meeting - EMD's are good choices as they are familiar with the Homeland Security Projects/ Budgets. Please notify, in writing, Mike Caplet (Mike.Caplet@ct.gov) in advance if you are using a proxy.



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#### Best Practices Guidelines - Executive Order Summaries - updated 5/21/20 Summary and Statutory References Addressed social distancing in order to minimize COVID-19 exposure - Prohibition of social a recreational natherings to 250 people amended and suppressed by Exception Order to Executive Function recreational gatherings to 250 people, amended and superseds Executive Order 7N Link: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Order Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7N.pdf BOE 3. The Executive Order addressed the number of schools days - now amended and sup Executive Order 7 Link: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Ord 7 Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7.pdf All Suspension of in-person open meeting requirements: The order modifies statutes regal local government meetings that are required to permit members of the public to attend in-person these meetings to be hold associated to permit members as the public to attend in-person to be hold associated to be hold associated to be public to a statute of the public to attend in-person to be hold associated to be hold as the control of the public to attend to be hold as the control of the public to attend to be hold as the control of the public to attend to be hold as the control of the public to attend to be hold as the control of the public to attend to be hold as the control of the public to attend to be hold as the control of the public to attend to be hold as the control of the public to attend to be hold as the control of the public to attend to be hold as the control of the public to attend to be a sociated to be as the control of the public to attend to be a sociated to be also as the control of the public to attend to the control of the public to attend to the public to attend to the control of the public to attend to the public ocal government meetings that are required to permit members of the public to attend in-per authorizes those meetings to be held remotely by conference call or videoconference, provid public is provided remote access to view or listen to the meetings and access materials for the case and case and case. 7A Executive Order 7B Link: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Order-No-7B.pdf Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7B.pdf 7B BOE 1. Cancellation of classes at all public schools. Now amended per EO 7E-1; 7L-Flexibility of Graduation Requirements, and Prescribed Courses of Study. The Sections 10-18b and 10-221a, and any associated regulations, rules, and policies re courses of study and graduation requirements are modified to authorize the Commis to temporarily waive any requirements contained therein as he deems necessary to BOE 3. Flexibility for Educator Prep Programs. Authorizes the Commissioner of Educat waive any requirements, contained necessary to address the repercussions of college. waive any requirements, contained trecessary to address the repercussions of con-school class cancellations on students pursuing secondary education programs.

Flexibility for Educator Certification Timelines, Educator Evaluations, and

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authorize the Commissioner ofEducation to temporarily waive any requirement address the impact the school class cancelations and COVID-19 risks when c students return. - Sec 10-145, 10-145b, 10-145d, 10-151b, 10-151 and 10-22

Finance

5. Extension of Municipal Budget Adoption Deadlines, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 201 fall on any date prior to and including May 15, 2020 are extended by thirty (30) days. The intent of that any date prior to and including May 15, 2020 are extended by thirty (30) days. The intent of that are the standard of the stan

order was to give towns flexibility and allow them to meet, extended by thirty (30) days. The intention may order was to give towns flexibility and allow them to meet, extend, or adjust all the preliminary deadlines. that lead to a budget adoption vote or meeting. That order, and its deadline extensions, are still in effect,

that lead to a budget adoption vote or meeting. That order, and its deadline extensions, are still in effect, so towns have some flexibility in deciding whether to act or whether to wait at least some time on their so towns have some nexionity in deciding whether to do, or whether to wait at least some time on their budget action that requires an budget adoption process until the situation improves. Meanwhile, any budget action that requires an object adoption process until the situation improves. Meanwhile, any budget action that requires an object adoption of Evacutive Order No. 71

in-person vote of residents or taxpayers is replaced by the provisions of Executive Order No. 7I. That order however, applies only to in-person votes of the public, whether at a referendum or town

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meeting (but not a nepresentative rown weeting, which is body or elected representatives, not a town meeting) – it doesn't relieve the relevant municipal legislative body from the obligations to vote, record its vote, and follow Freedom of Information laws as amended by Executive Order No. 7B. Towns should still vote, and notion President of information laws as amended by executive order two. 75. Towns should a use those provisions to hold any budget presentation meetings or other proceedings required by law.

#### Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations Best Practices Guidelines

#### Elections - updated 5/21/20 - added Executive Order 7QQ

#### Critical Functions

- ✓ By law, there must generally be two registrars of voters for each municipality.
- ✓Register voters
- √Schedule and conduct voter registration sessions
- ✓Maintain voter registry lists (
- ✓Participate in Absentee Voting Administration
- √Ensure the proper maintenance, transportation, storage, and preparation of voting machines.
- ✓ Appoint deputy registrars and file the appointments with the town clerk
- Town Clerks Election Duties include
- ✓ Examine and approve applications for admission as an elector ✓ Examine and approve applications for admission as an elector
- √ Act as filing repository for municipal office candidates' campaign finance statements
- √ Notify the secretary of the state of campaign finance statement filing violations
- √ Issue absentee ballot applications, direct the preparation of absentee ballots, and maintain permanent.
- ✓ Compile election results and forward them to the Office of the Secretary of the State
- √ Submit up-to-date voting district maps and reports on the number of registered and party-enrolled voters to the secretary of the state
- √ Keep custody of voting machine keys and other election materials
- ✓ Prepare the explanatory text for a local referendum question

√ This position, working through and for one of the nine regional councils of governments, represent, consult. with and act on behalf of the Secretary of the State (SOTS) in preparations for and operations of any election, primary or re-canvas, or any audit conducted pursuant to section 9-320f of the General Statutes.

#### Election Officials at a Polling Place

- ✓ Moderators serves as the chief public official at each polling place.
- √ Assistant Registrars deal with all voters whose names are not on the official voting list and all other
- ✓ Checkers- locate a voter's name in the official lists and check-off that he has come to vote on election day. They also check each voter's identification pursuant to state law. Any problems are referred to the moderator and assistant registrars.
- ✓ Ballot Clerks The Ballot Clerk gives each voter a ballot after he has passed the checkers' table and offers him a privacy folder. If the voter has spoiled his ballot or wishes to change it, the ballot clerk may give him a new ballot in exchange for his old ballot. The Ballot Clerk keeps track of the number of ballots issued.
- Tabulator Tenders is in charge of the voting tabulator and for assisting voters who ask for assistance, while preserving the voters' right to ballot secrecy. The Tabulator Tender is positioned at least three to four
- ✓ Demonstrators are available to educate voters on the correct manner in which to cast their ballots and are available to answer questions from voters about the process. The also assist the Moderator in crowd control. They are usually appointed for elections where a high turn-out is expected.

#### Chapter 146, Elections - Title 9, 9-1 through 760

- 9-17 Requires registrars to hold qualification sessions 14 days before a primary and 7 days before an election
- 9-23 Requires registrars to post the hours they are available to the public
- 9-31a Requires the town clerk or registrar of voters to arrange for an admitting official to visit the home of a permanently disabled person applying to become an elector. The admitting official will administer the elector's oath if applicant is found qualified, in a manner provided by this section.



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Now prioritizing EOs for possible extension or Codification

https://portal.ct.gov/OPM/IGPP-MAIN/Responsible-Growth/ Advisory-Commission-on-Intergovernmental-Relations/ Advisory-Commison-on-Intergovernmental-Relations

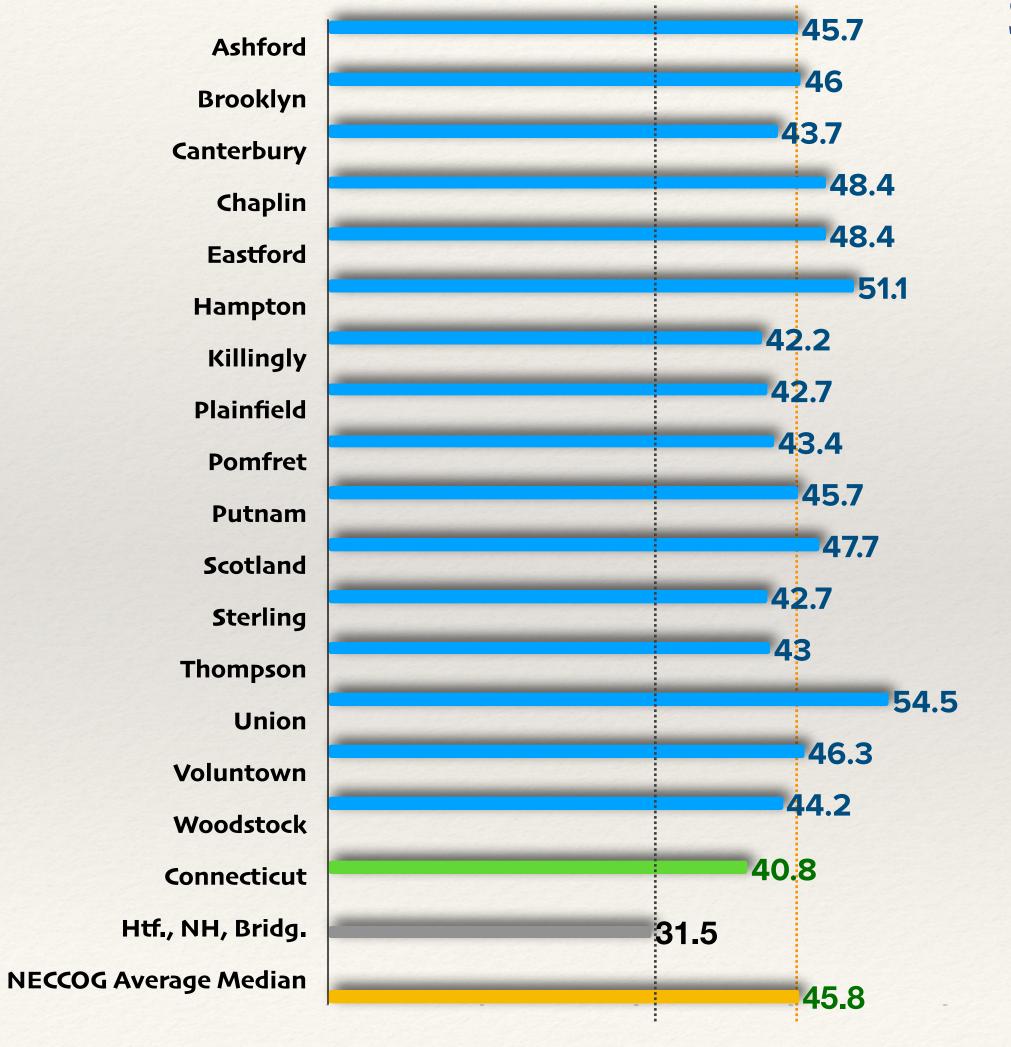
EOs end on September 9



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## **Median Age**



# September ZOOM Forum



# **Zoning Reform**

Train Land Use Commissioners

Standardize Permitting and Hearing Procedures

Train Land Use Commissioners

Eliminate the "Character" Consideration

Develop Model Zoning Guidelines

Modernize Traffic and Sewer Standards

Reduce Parking Requirements



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# CT Training and Technical Assistance Center (T2 Center)

High Risk Rural Road Safety program - new Speed Display/Driver

Feedback Sign Program

Speed Display signs provide feedback to drivers on their traveling speed and are meant to reinforce operating at or below the posted speed limit. The signs are also capable of recording speed and volume data. These signs have proven to be effective in reducing speeds and crashes when used at key locations. For more information on this, please see FHWA Office of Safety Proven Safety Countermeasures for Speed Management overview at <a href="https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/speedmgt/ref\_mats/fhwasa16077/fhwasa16077.pdf">https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/speedmgt/ref\_mats/fhwasa16077/fhwasa16077.pdf</a>

The program will provide two signs to each municipality, **at no cost**, and also provide training, oversee installation, connect the signs to the Cloud-based software and assist with monitoring of the signs and data reporting. Additionally, town representatives, and a representative from your regional planning agency, will be invited to attend a free speed management full day training.





## Other

## ☐ Regional Services Grant

PSAPS and Assessment

## Regional Assessment Work Group

• 2021 Legislative Session: Governor's Bill HB 7192 was proposed last session to include regional assessment divisions (back office), realign revaluation cycles and merge assessment and tax collection functions within municipalities. **Motor Vehicle** (Statewide Mill Rate) and **Regional Based Revaluation Schedule** 

#### Issues:

- Variability in assessment metrics
- Different composition of municipalities
- Different procedures and processes
- Reluctance of vendors
- Giving up local control
- Not high priority area for regionalization

#### Recommendations:

- Evaluate current Statutes to streamline existing practices
- Revaluation schedules rotating at the COG level o i.e.: one-fifth of all parcels over a five-year period
- Technology improvements
- Clear direction, objectives and measurable goals
- Starting with other municipal departments (i.e. Building)
- Consideration should include regional tax collection
- Step by step phase-in approach

## CCM Commission on Property Tax Reform





# Lamont tells CT agencies to prep deep cost cuts for next budget Town aid, Medicaid programs could be on the chopping block

by KEITH M. PHANEUF AUGUST 17, 2020

State finances are projected to run \$2.5 billion in the red this fiscal year, which began July 1. But Connecticut's emergency reserves have grown since the pandemic began, and they are expected to exceed \$2.8 billion once the audit of the 2019-20 fiscal year has been completed in September.

The bigger problem, according to McCaw's office, is projected deficits topping \$3 billion in each of the next two fiscal years. Lamont must propose a plan to legislators in February to balance that biennial cycle, which runs from July 2021 through June 2023.

A \$3 billion shortfall is equal to about 15% of annual operating costs and approaches the unprecedented \$3.7 billion gap Gov. Dannel P. Malloy inherited when he balanced his first budget in 2011. Malloy and the legislature relied on more than \$1.8 billion in tax hikes and a union concessions plan to cover much of that deficit.



# Questions

Thank you