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Meeting Minutes February 2021 Meeting

February 26, 2021 - 8:30 am - via ZOOM

Representation from the following towns: Ashford, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Eastford, Hampton, Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson, Union, Voluntown, and Woodstock.

1. Open Meeting 8:30am- Tracey Hanson, NECCOG Chair

- a. Welcoming Remarks - Tracey Hanson, NECCOG Chair
- b. Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve made by Kevin Cunningham, second by Maureen Nicholson - all in favor.
- c. Public Participation - None
- d. Other Agenda Items
 - Motion to approve amended agenda to add Resolution 2-3-21 made by Maureen Nicholson, second by Kevin Cunningham - all in favor.

2. Director's Report - John Filchak, Executive Director

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a. Transit Activities

- Transit activities have been steady. Some increase in the Elderly/Disabled runs due to NECTD being used as transportation for those that are scheduled to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

b. Animal Services Program

- Town of Norwich soon to be joining NECCOG Animal Services. Once facility in Norwich opens, it will be staffed with Animal Control Officers to help with response times.

c. Paramedic Intercept Program

- Contract with KB Ambulance is near due for renewal.

d. Regional REVAL Program

e. Transportation Projects and Planning

f. Housing Plan Status

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g. **COVID Recovery Efforts** - key function is to seek out through our Working Groups input from impacted constituencies regarding the pandemic in terms of unmet needs (short and long term), solutions/strategy to those needs - including funding.

- Three Working Groups
 - Economic/Natural and Cultural Resources
 - Community Planning & Capacity Building/Infrastructure
 - Health & Social Services/Housing

h. **2021 Legislation**

i. **COG County Equivalency**

j. **Crumbling Foundations**

k. **Member Town Assistance**

4. Discussion and Action Items

a. **Housing Reform Legislation (DesegregateCT)**

- **Presentation** - Donna Hamzy Carroccia - Advocacy Manager, Connecticut Conference of Municipalities
- Information related to CCM's work around the DesegregateCT proposals. For more information, please directly reach out to Donna Hamzy Carroccia via e-mail : DHamzy@CCM-CT.ORG

b. **Regional Referrals** - none

c. **STIP Amendments** - see agenda

- Motion to approve STIP amendments as presented on agenda (items a-d) made by Maureen Nicholson, second by Gary Greenberg - all in favor.

d. **Resolution 2-1-21 - Acceptance of Previous Year Audit for NECCOG.**

- Bill Rose made motion to approved, second by Maureen Nicholson, all in favor, none oppose.

e. **Resolution 2-2-21 - Acceptance of Previous Year Audit for NECTD.**

- Bill Rose made motion to approved, second by Maureen Nicholson, all in favor, none oppose.

f. **Resolution 2-3-21 - A Resolution in Support of the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments Seeking Assistance from the Economic Developments Administration for COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery Measure.**

- Bill Rose made motion to approved, second by Maureen Nicholson, all in favor, none oppose.

g. **CEO Roundtable**

5. **Adjournment 9:40am** - 1st Gary Greenberg, 2nd Kevin Cunningham - all in favor.