



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



Meeting Minutes

May 2021 Special Meeting

May 27, 2021 - 8:30 am - via ZOOM

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

1. Open Meeting 8:32am- Tracey Hanson, NECCOG Chair

- a. Welcoming Remarks - Tracey Hanson, NECCOG Chair
- b. Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve made by Rick Ives, second by Maureen Nicholson - all in favor.
- c. Public Participation
 - Brianna DeVivo, Outreach Assistant of U.S. Senator Chris Murphy's Office - Formerly known as Earmarks, and known as Community Project Funding in the House of Representatives, the Senate has created its rules and procedures for Senate Offices to collect Congressionally Directed Spending requests. Requests must be submitted by Friday June 7, 2021. Please reach out to Brianna for Spending Guide at Brianna_DeVivo@murphy.senate.gov
 - Kathleen Krider, Senior Director of Access Community Action Agency - Access Agency is currently working with three local health districts on vaccination education outreach. If other member districts are interested in this outreach service, please contact Kathleen via e-mail at kathleen.krider@accessagency.org
 - Ellen Graham, Community Liaison, US Senator Richard Blumenthan - Deadline for congressionally directed spending is June 7, 2021. Ellen can be reached at ellen_graham@blumenthal.senate.gov with any questions.

d. Other Agenda Items - none

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

- Slides are available at <http://neccog.org/about/agendas-and-minutes/>
- a. Transit Activities
 - Ridership has been increasing despite limited capacity on buses at one given time.
 - From Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend, weekend transit services are free.
 - Senior & Disabled ridership numbers are still low.
 - Plainfield bus service has increased 125% since first month of pilot launch.

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b. Animal Services Program

- Activities such as adoptions, redemptions, investigations, and impounded animals have not been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Towns of Norwich and Scotland are to join NECCOG Animal Services Program for upcoming fiscal year.

c. Crumbling Foundations

- 309 foundations have been completed, with an average of \$155,000 per foundation.
- Currently working to get legislation to add 10+ years to the original sunset date of June 30, 2022 in efforts to obtain more funding for the approximate 550 pending claimants.

d. Transportation Projects/Initiatives

e. Regional Human Resources

f. Pandemic Recovery

g. Town Assistance - Chaplin, Brooklyn, Woodstock, Union, Eastford, and Canterbury

h. Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

i. EDA Grant Status

j. State COG Funding

k. Legislation of Note

- HB 6107 was passed in the House and now pending in the Senate.

3. Discussion and Action Items

a. American Rescue Plan Act

- The county shares for the 16 towns that NECCOG serves equals about \$18.5 million, or about \$194 per capita.

b. Regional Referrals - none

c. STIP Amendments/Actions - motion to approve made by Maureen Nicholson, second by Allan Cahill.

- i. Z-2021-43, Mansfield, Petition : Proposed zoning amendment pertaining to site improvements and new construction through special permit at existing campgrounds in the Residential/Agricultural (RA) Zone.
- ii. TCPZ# 21-5, Lisbon, TEXT Amendment - Subdivision Regulations : Proposed subdivision amendments and revisions to section 5.5 inclusive, (soil, erosion, and sediment control plan), and section Z (definitions) regarding requirements and metrics for soil erosion and sediments control plans, storm-water management plans, and low impact development.
- iii. Zone TEXT Application 21-1265; Town of Killingly; Douglas Construction Co; to create a Special Permitted use; Add Section 420.2.2.q General Commercial Zone, Special Permitted Use, Distribution Center Facility.

d. Resolution 5-1-21 (motion to approve made by Kevin Cunningham, second by Maureen Nicholson) - Delegation of Authority For the Executive Director to Enter into Agreements with the Connecticut Department of Transportation and other State/Federal Agencies

e. Resolution 5-2-21 (resolution withdrawn due to error)- Affirmation of NECCOG's/NECTD's Updated ADA Plan

f. Resolution 5-3-21 (motion to approve made by Kevin Cunningham, second by Barney Seney) - Affirmation of NECCOG's/NECTD's Updated Title VI/Environmental Justice Plan

g. Resolution 5-4-21 (motion to approve made by Barney Seney, second by Kevin Cunningham) - One-Year Extension of the Regional paramedic Agreement

- h. **TIP counterpart for Rural COGs** - item tabled for June meeting.
 - i. **2021 - 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (final action)** - motion to approve made by Maureen Nicholson, second by Allan Cahill, all in favor.
 - j. **2021 - 2022 Work Plan Discussion** (program discussion) - no discussion.
- 4. **Executive Session** - Executive Director's Employment Contract Renewal
 - 5. **Executive Director's Employment Contract Renewal** - motion made by Barney Seney to extend contract, second by Maureen Nicholson - all in favor.
 - 6. **Chief Elected Official Roundtable**
 - 7. **Adjournment** - motion made by Barney Seney, second by Chris Lippke.