



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



## Meeting Minutes

### June 2021 Regular Meeting

June 25, 2021 - 8:30 am - via ZOOM

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Representation from the following towns: Brooklyn, Canterbury, Hampton, Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Scotland, 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 Allan Cahill, second by Kevin Cunningham - all in favor.
  - c. Public Participation - none
  - 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**
    - NECTD buses are smaller than traditional city buses. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, only 5 passengers are able to ride at one time.
    - Ridership numbers are below pre-pandemic counts, but consistent with the capacity limitations.
  - 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**
    - With an anticipated new \$100 million bond funding commitments coupled with Health Homes surcharge and the removal of CGSIC's sunset date - an anticipated \$35M will be arriving next summer and for three more years thereafter.
    - Program is fully operational and due to be ahead of schedule.
  - d. **Transportation Projects/Initiatives**
  - e. **Regional Human Resources**
  - f. **Pandemic Recovery**
  - g. **Town Assistance - Chaplin, Brooklyn, Woodstock, Union, Eastford, and Canterbury**

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**h. Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan**

- In progress/on track

**i. EDA Grant Status**

- EDA Grant has been awarded.
- Just under \$400,000 over the next two years.

**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. Resolution 6-1-21, 2021-2022 NECCOG Work Plan and Budget**

- Motion to approve made by Maureen Nicholson, second by Rick Ives. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

**b. COVID Recovery**

**1. Structural Change to Long Term Recovery**

**2. American Rescue Plan Act**

- i. **Special Projects Manager - ARPA** - responsible for professional and administrative management organizing and leading all aspects of the implementation of the American Rescue Plan Act funding for participating towns in the NECCOG region.

- ii. **Possible Regional Initiatives through the Use of ARPA funds:**

- Environmental Depot - \$6 million (est.)
- Animal Shelter Improvements - \$750,000 (est.)

**c. Regional Referrals - none**

**d. STIP Amendments/Actions - motion to approve made by Mary Calorio, second by Maureen Nicholson.**

- i. PROJECT NUMBER 0141-0157, REGION 15, ROUTE CT 12, THOMPSON - REPLACE BR 02128 O/SUNSET HILL BROOK, 2021 - \$65,000 - ACTION: REVISED COST ESTIMATE - INCREASE COST FROM FED \$40,000

**4. Chief Elected Official Roundtable**

- **5310 Grant Discussion:** Typically 2 grants awarded per region depending on funding.
- **Future Meetings:** the intent is to have in person meetings, with a remote option, in August. Suggestions for meeting locations are that they be held at various town halls within the region, instead of at NECCOG offices due to limited space.

**5. Adjournment - 9:33am - motion made by Barney Seney, second by Maureen Nicholson.**