



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



Meeting Minutes

November 2021 Regular Meeting - DRAFT

October 22, 2021 - 8:30 am - via ZOOM

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

1. **Open Meeting 8:34am-** Tracey Hanson, NECCOG Chair
 - a. Welcoming Remarks - Tracey Hanson, NECCOG Chair
 - b. Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve made by Kevin Cunningham, second by Mary Calorio - all in favor.
 - c. Public Participation - none
 - d. Other Agenda Items - none
2. **Director's Report - John Filchak, Executive Director**
 - a. **Transit Activities**
 - Due to driver shortages and COVID-19 impacts, NECTD runs have been modified to provide continue service.
 - Buses are limited to 5 passengers at any one time.
 - Plainfield pilot route has had no disruptions.
 - b. **Animal Services Program**
 - Activities such as adoptions, redemptions, investigations, and impounded animals have not been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Since the opening of NECCOG's Norwich location, there have been 56 investigations.
 - The town of Andover has recently joined NECCOG's Animal Services Program.
 - c. **Paramedic Intercept Program**
 - September Statistics : 317 calls for service, 222 ALS transports, and 1 cardiac arrest with resuscitation attempt
 - 2021 Statistics through October: 1,832 Total ALS transports
 - d. **Crumbling Foundations**
 - CFSIC has put 400 families back in safe and secure homes since the program began on May 15, 2019.
 - Funding:

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- \$100,000,000 of allotment approved by the Connecticut Bond Commission
- \$21,687,339 in Healthy Homes Fund* allotment
- \$874,787 in interest income
- \$13,825 in charitable donations
- NECCOG Towns with Claimants are :
 - Ashford - 36
 - Eastford - 1
 - Union - 11
 - Woodstock - 2
- Crumbling foundations is now estimated to involve 3,000 to 5,000 homes in total - non residential review now underway.

e. Regional REVAL Program

- The contract meets the inspection requirements of 12-62.
- Subsection 3 of 12-62 requires all properties to be inspected over a 10 year period. With this project being the start of a new 1- year cycle, Vision will be inspection 50% of the properties, and the next project will cover the 2nd 50% of the properties.
- The service being provided also includes Data Mailer being sent to homeowners.
 - The sending and receiving of Data Mailers would eliminate the need for the property to be inspected.
- Vision is conducting on-site inspections for 50% of the improved properties in each community. This includes inspections for major Data Mailer discrepancies, sold properties that will be utilized in the sales analysis and properties with outstanding building permits in each community.
- Mid-November meeting with assessors from the participating towns will be scheduled to address any questions.

f. Projects and Planning

- 354 FEMA projects received statewide
 - NECCOG Projects Submitted -
 - Environmental Depot
 - Non-Emergency Medical Transportation
 - Regional Byway Marketing
 - Regional Hazard Tree Management
 - Regional Trails and Maintenance Management Design
 - Composite Bridge Pilot
 - Crumbling Foundations Assessment for Commercial and Publicly Owned Properties - CRCOG/NECCOG
 - LOTCIP : currently have 3 projects, Putnam (2), Thompson (1) - \$6.3 million

g. Regional Planning Activities

h. COVID Recovery Efforts

i. ACIR - Home Rule Study

- Will be completed in December/January.

j. Member Town Assistance Status

3. Discussion and Action Items

- a. Regional Referrals** - motion to accept made by Mary Calorio, second by Kevin Cunningham to approve items 1 and 2.
- ii. **TOWN OF UNION, Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD), 2020-2030**
 - iii. **ZRC 21-0001, P&R JOB NUMBER 213050, BROOKLYN - PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 6.G , BROOKLYN - EASIER IMPLEMENTATION OF AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF CONSERVATION SUBDIVISIONS** - (1) allow duplex buildings in conservation subdivision (2) remove requirement to show trees >18" as a secondary conservation resources (3) revise language on primary and secondary conservation areas (4) provide full credit for conservation of wetlands, watercourses and areas of steep slopes (5) removal of 100' buffer requirement allow Town right of way (6) revised rear lot access strip requirements (7) remove reference to Town Counsel.

c. STIP Amendments/Actions - motion made by Maureen Nicholson, second by Allan Cahill to approve items 1-3.

- iv. Project Number 0172-0513, District 2 Various Locations - Replace Traffic Control Signals at Various Locations
- PD Phase 2022- \$473,000 - New Project
- v. Project Number 0172-0513, District 2 Various Locations - Replace Traffic Control Signals at Various Locations
- FD Phase 2023- \$406,000 - New Project
- vi. Project Number 0172-0513, District 2 Various Locations - Replace Traffic Control Signals at Various Locations
- PD Phase 2023- \$110,000 - New Project

d. 5310 Rankings and Recommendations - motion to approve made by Maureen Nicholson, second by Kevin Cunningham to accept rankings as presented.

I. Non-Traditional:

- i) NECCOG
- ii) Horizons Inc.

II. Traditional:

- i) Voluntown
- ii) Plainfield
- iii) The ARC

d. Formation of a Special Work Group to Examine Tourism and Related Matters

- Expanding tourism collaboration efforts to the Northeastern corner from the Mystic area.
- Motion made by Maureen Nicholson to put together a working group to review tourism marketing efforts in the Northeastern Connecticut - second by Allan Cahill.

e. Veteran's Transportation Grant Match

f. Pre-Hospital Emergency Care

- Reconstitution of project to be discussed after election.

g. Other Business (if designated)

h. CEO Roundtable

4. Adjournment - 9:42am - motion made by Allan Cahill, second by Kevin Cunningham.