



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



## Meeting Minutes December 2021 Annual Meeting

December 17, 2021, 2021 - 8:30 am - via ZOOM

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

### 1. Open Meeting 8:34am- Tracey Hanson, NECCOG Chair

#### a. Welcoming Remarks - Tracey Hanson, NECCOG Chair

- Newly Elected Officials -
  - William Falletti, Ashford First Selectman
  - Austin Tanner, Brooklyn First Selectman
  - Juan Roman, Chaplin First Selectman
  - Debra Richards, Eastford First Selectman
  - Lincoln Cooper, Sterling First Selectman

#### b. Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve made by Kevin Cunningham, second by Maureen Nicholson - all in favor.

#### c. Public Participation

- Introduction of Toni Berlandy, Community Relations, Economic Development & Emergency Preparedness - Eversource CT [toni.berlandy@eversource.com](mailto:toni.berlandy@eversource.com) (860) 670-4408

#### d. Other Agenda Items - none

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

#### a. Transit Activities

- Deviated-Fixed Route:
  - Pre COVID ridership averaged 3,200 rides a month.
  - Current ridership averages about 2,000 per month.
- Senior/Disabled :
  - Pre COVID ridership averaged about 200 per month.
  - Currently ridership averages about 80 per month.
- Plainfield pilot program averaging about 275 rides per month.

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**b. Animal Services Program**

- Norwich Kennel will have three officers stationed there during normal business hours.

**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**

- Due to increase cost of supplies and labor, the cap on allowable construction costs will rise to \$190,000 from \$175,000 for stand-alone homes, and to \$76,000 from \$70,000 for condo units, effective 9:00am on January 5, 2022.
- Changes will apply to any new construction proposals submitted for the first time on or after January 5, 2022. Old cap will still apply to applications submitted between January 10, 2019 and January 5, 2022.
- 448 families now with completed foundations since program start (May 15, 2019).
- NECCOG Towns with Claimants are :
  - Ashford - 36
  - Eastford - 1
  - Union - 11
  - Woodstock - 2

**e. New Member Orientation**

- Occurred last week to welcome newly elected officials

**f. Opioid Settlement**

- 7 out of our 16 towns are not registered - The more towns that participate, the greater the amount of funds that flow to that state and its participating subdivisions.
- Municipalities are required to take affirmative steps to 'opt in' to the settlements.
- Any municipality that does not participate cannot directly share in any of the settlement funds, even though Connecticut is settling and other participating towns and cities are sharing in settlement funds.
- The nationwide agreement resolves and provides payment for all the current statewide opioid claims that the states and municipalities have brought against the companies.
- Generally, municipalities who agree to the settlement will be receiving 15% of the total settlement proceeds (CT will receive approximately \$300 million over 18 years).
- Contact Donna Hamzy for more information : [DHamzy@ccm-ct.org](mailto:DHamzy@ccm-ct.org)

**g. Transportation Projects and Planning**

- Regional Engineering Program - Pomfret Bulky Waste Site Plans, Putnam (Church Street/ Woodstock Ave, Route 12, Chaplin)
- Planning Services ongoing for Eastford and Woodstock
- Affordable housing Plans underway for Chaplin, Pomfret and Canterbury.
- POCD Updates for Chaplin and Canterbury
- Regional Housing Plan
- Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

**h. ACIR**

- **Hybrid Meeting Study** : Issues for Legislature to Consider: access to all, increase public participation, uniform protocols, high quality technology, cost to municipalities, more staffing, protect public health, limit use/don't use, local control, adequate training, voting and notice, and accountability and security.
- **Home Rule Study** : to be sent out by end of January.

**i. Property Tax Reform**

**3. Discussion and Action Items**

**a. Nominating Committee Report** - motion to approve made by Maureen Nicholson, second by David Eaton - all in favor.

- Tracey Hanson - Chair (2nd term)
- Maureen Nicholson - Vice-Chair (2nd term)
- David Eaton - Treasurer (2nd term)
- Allan Cahill - Secretary (1st term)
- Chris Lippke - Member At-Large (1st term)

**b. CEO Roundtable**

**4. Adjournment - 9:07am** - motion made by David Eaton, second by Chris Lippke - all in favor.