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Northeastern Connecticut
Transit District

Meeting Minutes

March 2022 Regular Meeting

March 25, 2022 - 8:30 am - Putnam Municipal Complex, 200 School Street, Putnam CT

Representation from the following towns: Brooklyn, Canterbury, Eastford, Hampton, Killingly, Pomfret, Putnam, Scotland, Sterling, Union, and Voluntown.

1. **Open Meeting 8:30am** - Tracey Hanson, Chair
 - a. Welcoming Remarks
2. **Welcome to Putnam** - Barney Seney, Mayor - Town of Putnam
3. **Meeting Actions**
 - a. **Previous Meeting Minutes** - motion to approve made by Maureen Nicholson, second by Allan Cahill.
 - b. **Public Participation** - none
 - c. **Other Agenda Items** - motion made by Maureen Nicholson, second by Barney Seney to add Regional Referral and STIP Amendments .
4. **Director's Report**
 - a. **Transit Activities**
 - See [slides](#) for ridership statistics
 - b. **Animal Services Program**
 - Ongoing Investigations : 73
 - New Investigations : 53
 - Closed Investigations : 16
 - c. **Paramedic Intercept Program**
 - d. **Crumbling Foundations**
 - 500 families(February 21st) in 36 months now back in homes
 - 81 Condos are restored and more to come.
 - CFSIC is 90 days ahead of schedule.
 - LOTCIP Road Projects- see [slides](#) for current bids.
 - e. **Regional Election Monitor**
 - f. **Transportation Projects and Planning**
 - **LOTCIP Road Projects** - see [slides](#) for current bids
 - **Projects with Commitment to Fund**
 - Putnam, Woodstock Ave/Church St. Roadway and Pedestrian Improvements
 - Putnam, Grove Street Sidewalk Replacement
 - Thompson, Riverside Dr./RT 12 Sidewalk Improvements
 - Plainfield, RT 647 Lathrop Rd Pedestrian Safety Improvements
 - Putnam, School Street/RT 44 Sidewalk Reconstruction
 - **Application Submitted**
 - Killingly, Maple Street Reconstruction
 - **GIS Project Updates**
 - **Ashford**
 - Will be reaching out for 2021 GL parcel updates
 - **Brooklyn**
 - 2021 GL parcel updates completed
 - Viewer ownership data updated

- Tax maps completed
 - **Canterbury**
 - Map for housing plan completed
 - **Eastford**
 - Parcel geometry updated per Town Clerk maps
 - Waiting on CAMA update from Equality
 - **Hampton**
 - Needs VISION NHDRA report added
 - Will be reaching out for 2021GL parcel updates
 - **Pomfret**
 - Working on 2021 GL parcel updates
 - Need updated CAMA data
 - Buildout base scenario completed
 - Completed Municipal lands map
 - **Scotland**
 - Will be reaching out for 2021GL parcel updates
 - **Union**
 - Will be reaching out for 2021GL parcel updates
 - **Woodstock**
 - 2021GL Parcel updates completed
 - Viewer data updated
 - Tax maps currently being printed
 - Maps for Housing plan completed
 - **NECTD/NECCOG**
 - Title VI Plan update mapping completed
 - Continue assistance and coordination with NECCOG Regional Elections Monitor on re- districting maps.
- g. **ARPA Program Updates**
- Model Procurement Policy and Workshop for participating NECCOG towns - Ashford Town Hall April 14 - 10:00am
- h. **Regional Planning Activities**
- i. **COVID Recovery**
- **Task 1-**Develop an Economic Recovery and Resilience Plan - integrated into the CEDS.
 - **Task 2-** Provide disaster recovery support to the DEMHS Region IV Recovery Steering Committee and subcommittees.
 - **Task 3-** Implement the provision of technical assistance through virtual and in-person sessions that bring together new, existing, minority, women-owned and other businesses
 - **Task 4-** Develop and put in place an interactive (GIS based) regional map directory that provides resources for small agricultural and niche business on marketing, grant opportunities and best practices for adapting their business - providing opportunity for sustainability.
- j. **Member Town Assistance**
- Woodstock Town Planner Services
 - Eastford Land Use Services
 - Brooklyn and Canterbury POCD Updates
 - Affordable Housing Plans - Union, Eastford, Pomfret, Canterbury, Chaplin and Woodstock Pomfret Marketing Strategy
 - Voting District Assistance - Thompson, Woodstock, Brooklyn, Plainfield
- k. **2022 Legislative Session**
- Raised Bill 380, An Act Concerning a Study of State Tax Policies
 - Raised Bill 381, An Act Concerning a Study of State Revenue Collections Raised Bill 5406, An Act Concerning a Study of State Revenue Policies Raised Bill 5407, An Act Concerning a Study of State Fiscal Policies
 - Raised Bill 5428, An Act Concerning Building Officials, Resources Relating To The Administration Of The State Building Code And The Promotion Of Careers In Related Fields
 - Raised Bill 443, An Act Concerning the Tax Incidence Report, Tax Incidence Analyses and the Disclosure of Returns and Return Information

- Raised Bill 324, An Act Establishing a Working Group to Study Title Seven of the General Statutes
- Raised Bill 323, An Act Establishing a Municipal Tree Removal Account
- Raised Bill 5256, An Act Studying the Consolidation of Local and Regional Transit Districts
- Raised Bill 5269, An Act Concerning Remote Meetings Under the Freedom of Information Act
- Raised Bill 467, An Act Extending Permitting Remote Public Meetings Under The Freedom Of Information Act Through December 31, 2022.
- Raised Bill 234, An Act Concerning the Regulatory Services of the Department of Agriculture
- Raised Bill 5495, An Act Concerning Government Administration
- Raised Bill 5498, An Act Designating Various Days, Weeks And Months, Portland As The Golf Capital Of The State, A Shelter Pet As The State Pet And The Lollipop As The State Candy.

5. Discussion and Action Items

- a. **Regional Resolution of Thanks and Appreciation** - Bonnie R. Bentley - Sr. ASA, Windham State's Attorney's Office
- b. **CHRO Compliance Requirements for State-funded Public Works Projects** - CHRO Presentation - *to be reschedule*
- c. **Regional Referrals**-motion to approve made by Chris Lippke, second by Maureen Nicholson
 - i. Town of Ashford, Zone Text Amendment, Article 4B, Section 3(A) Special Permit Uses - Adding Agricultural Buildings over 10,000 sq. Ft.
 - d. **STIP Amendments/Actions** (none)
- b. **Title VI Policy Update**
 - Motion to approve made by David Eaton, second by by Allan Cahill.
- c. **Possible IJJA Regional Projects**

i. Culverts	Scenic Byway	x. Environmental
ii. Brownfields	Enhancement	Depot
iii. Truck Wash	vii. Passenger Rail	xi. Non-
iv. Broadband	and/or Bus	Emergency
v. Waterway	Connections to	Medical
Mitigation	Massachusetts	Transport
vi. Route 169	viii. Plastic Bridges	xii. Other?
National	ix. Multi-purpose	
	Trail	
- g. **Regional Performance Incentive Program**
 - i. Town Administration
 - ii. Assessment
 - iii. Building Inspection
 - iv. Ambulance
 - v. Planning
 - vi. Economic Development
 - vii. Land Use Inspection
 - viii. Permitting
 - ix. Other?
- h. **Other Agenda Items** - none
- i. **CEO Roundtable**
 - i. **Eastern Region Tourism District Update**
 - Towns will be broken into three sections based on location
 - All towns are able to go to <https://www.usa.gov/state-travel-and-tourism> for a free page to promote tourism.
 - ii. **Town Budget Status**
 - Killingly and Voluntown are in working phases
 - iii. **Other**

- Motor Vehicle Tax Cap
 - Pomfret was approached by an energy storage company out of Boston, MA looking to lease 13 acres of land to use for energy storage.
 - Bridge programs requested to be added to next meeting agenda for further discussion.
6. **Adjourn** - 10:06am - motion made by Barney Seney, second by Allan Cahill - all in favor.

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