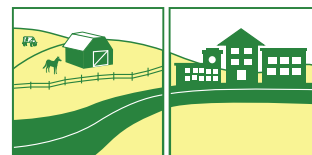




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Northeastern Connecticut  
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# Meeting Minutes

## May 2022 Regular Meeting

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May 27, 2022 - 8:30am via ZOOM

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

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 Austin Tanner, second by Kevin Cunningham.
  - b. **Public Participation** - none
  - c. **Other Agenda Items** - Proposed by John Filchak; motion made by Austin Tanner, second by Patti George to add action item: KB Ambulance Fee Contract.
4. **Director's Report**
  - a. **Transit Activities**
    - Ridership has been steady at below average, even with rise in gas prices.
    - Free fares has been extended until December 1, 2022.
  - b. **Animal Services Program**
  - c. **Paramedic Intercept Program**
  - d. **Crumbling Foundations**
    - 500+ families in 36 months now back in homes after repairs. Full report to be available in October.
    - Deadline for the State to submit proposal is June 1, 2022.
  - e. **Regional Election Monitor**
  - f. **Transportation Projects and Planning**
  - g. **ARPA Program Updates**
  - h. **Regional Planning Activities**
  - i. **COVID Recovery**
    - Grant from the Economic Grant Association will renew its implementation on July 1, 2022, with the aid of a new planner.
  - j. **Member Town Assistance**
  - k. **2022 Legislative Session**
5. **Discussion and Action Items**
  - a. **Regional Referrals - motion to approve all made by Maureen Nicholson, second by Barney Seney.**
    - i. Town of Franklin, Zone Regulation Amendment, Section 8-7d(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes, Public hearing scheduled for June 21, 2022, 7:30pm, Franklin Town Hall.
    - i. Regulation amendments per Public Act 21-29 amending Section 1.3 Purpose; Sections 9.11, 10.16, and 10.18 to eliminate minimum floor areas; Section 9.15.1 to reduce parking requirements for some residential uses; and clarify definition of "Mobile Home" under Section 2.

- ii. Regulation amendments to opt out of the Accessory Dwelling Unit provisions contained within Public Act 21-29.
    - iii. Regulation amendment to allow Accessory Dwelling Union's as a permitted use per Public Act 229, adding new Section 9.29.
  - ii. Town of Mansfield, Zone Regulation Amendment, PZC File # 1377, Amendment to create new Mixed Used Center-Transition Zoning District, Location : Town Wide. Virtual Public Hearing July 5, 2022, 6:15pm.
  - iii. Town of Lisbon, Zoning Text Amendments, Section(s) 1.3; 9; 10.2.4; 10.14; 11.1; 11.3, 11.4; 12, 12.1, 12.6.7; 13, 13.9.4a,z; and 13.13. Public hearing schedule for June 7, 2022, 6:30pm, Lisbon Town Hall.
    - i. Amendments are being proposed to address recent legislative enactments that require municipal zoning commissions to update regulations to address new standards and mandates regarding the purpose of zoning regulation, the treatment of non-confirming uses and structures, standards regarding accessory apartment dwellings and parking requirements for residential dwellings, special permit approval criteria, and site plan approval criteria.
  - b. **STIP Amendments/Action Items - motion to approve all made by Barney Seney, second by Kevin Cunningham.**
    - i. Project 0170-XXXX, STATEWIDE - Request to move the project currently listed in 5311T FY21, forward to FY22 as 5311P carryover. The Dept. is applying for 2 years of funding (FY20 &21) Section 5311 funds in the current fiscal year FY22. STIP request will also revise the Section 5311 project amounts to reflect the total federal apportionment. Funding is for administration costs, providing technical assistance and training, etc. Project Total \$937,494 (100% Federal Portion).
    - ii. Project 0476-XXXX, KILLINGLY - Request to move project currently listed in 5311O FY21, forward to FY22 as a 5311P carryover. The Dept. is applying for 2 years of funding (FY20 & FY21) Section 5311 funds in the current fiscal year FY22. STIP request will also increase the amount for Northeastern CT TD to fund operating costs related to Transit District's Rural transit services. Project Total \$1,601,204 - \$800,602 federal.
  - a. **Other Agenda Items - motion to approve made by Barney Seney, second by Maureen Nicholson.**
    - KB Ambulance to increase rate from \$105.00 to \$107.00 per transport. Due to increase in call volume and rise in fuel prices, scheduling changes for employees will go from twelve hour shifts to intercept program, rather than ambulance.
  - b. **CEO Roundtable**
    - A zoom meeting with full board participation with Eastern Regional Tourism District will take place on June 9, 2022 to vote on destination names. Recent legislation has allowed on person to represent multiple municipalities. Todd Babbitt, Griswold Selectman is currently holding that role.
    - OPM has implemented new legislature regarding the regulations and requirements.
    - Meeting with the nine Council of Governments, CCM, and Revenue Services to take place regarding the use of monies for infrastructure and implementation of procedures.
- 6. Adjourn - 8:57am - motion made by Barney Seney, second by Tracey Hanson - all in favor.**

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