



# NECCOG

Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments

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

Results through Regionalism

## Meeting Minutes

# June 2022 Regular Meeting

June 24, 2022 - 8:30am via ZOOM

**Representation from the following towns:** Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Hampton, Killingly, Plainfield, Scotland, Sterling, Union, Voluntown, and Woodstock.

### 1. Open Meeting - 8:40am Tracey Hanson, Chair

- a. Welcoming Remarks
- b. Previous Meeting Minutes
- c. Public Participation (2 minute limit)
- d. Other Agenda Items

### 2. Meeting Actions

- a. Previous Meeting Minutes - motion to approve by Kevin Cunningham, second by Mary Calorio.
- b. Public Participation
  - Toni Berlandy of Eversource introduced counterpart, Jaquan Samuels.
- c. Other Agenda Items
  - Proposed by John Filchack to add to the agenda : Douglas Larry, Regional Elections Monitor, to provide update of his activities in regards to the upcoming elections. Motion to accept made by Kevin Cunningham, second by Alan Cahill.

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

- a. Transit Activities
  - Recently received multiple driver applications, which if qualified, would help NECTD be fully staffed and open up tuns that were shut down due to loss of drivers and the pandemic.
  - Connecticut DOT has yet to include proposed budget for Plainfield PILOT, therefore not built into budget.
- b. Animal Services Program
- c. Paramedic Intercept Program
  - Notable benefit of the Paramedic Intercept Program is that towns only pay for actual completed transports.
- d. Crumbling Foundations
- e. Transportation Projects and Planning-
  - i. Projects with Commitment to Fund/LOTICIP Road Projects:

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- i. Putnam, Woodstock Ave/ Church St. Roadway and Pedestrian Improvements Low Bid \$1,780,669 award - Construction started April 1 estimated completion date September 22
- ii. Putnam, Grove Street Sidewalk Replacement, Current Cost estimate \$1,784,893.18 - Bid opening is June 29th
- iii. Thompson, Riverside Dr./RT 12 Sidewalk Improvements - Low Bid \$1,576,095 award Construction started June 20th completion around the end of October.
- iv. Plainfield, RT 647 Lathrop Rd. Pedestrian Safety Improvements - Current Cost Estimate \$743,600 - In CT Dot District 2 review and final design stage
- v. Putnam, School Street/RT 44 Sidewalk Reconstruction Current Cost Estimate \$1,428,000 - In final design Spring 2023 Construction
- vi. **Application Submitted**
  - i. Killingly, Maple Street Reconstruction - Current Cost \$1,207,849.00 - On hold for Water line work and sub-base testing. Program Update
- ii. **Transportation Rural Improvement Grant Program (TRIP)**
  - i. Provides state funds directly to municipal governments for Infrastructure improvements in Rural and Small Towns. Activities may include transportation capital projects such as construction, modernization, or major repair of infrastructure. (Eligibility requirements can be found on [Slide Presentation](#)) Regulations and requirements to come.
- iii. **GIS Project Updates**
  - i. Updates for Ashford, Eastford, Hampton Pomfret, Scotland, and Union can be found on the presentation slides [here](#).
- f. **ARPA Program Update** - Towns to report expenditures and/or questions about eligible uses for ARPA funds before deadline (March 2023) for review and record keeping to Mickey.Morabito@necog.org. The sooner the better.
- g. **IJA - possible regional projects**
  - Culverts
  - Brownfields
  - Truck Wash
  - Broadband
  - Waterway Mitigation
  - Route 169 national Scenic Byway Enhancement
  - Passenger Rail and/or Bus Connections to Massachusetts
  - Plastic Bridges
  - Multi-purpose Trails
  - Environmental Depot
  - Non-Emergency Medical Transport Regional Planning Activities
- h. **COVID Recovery**
  - i. **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
  - j. **Other** - NECOG proposed Fiscal '23 Budget \$2,143,249.00. NECTD Proposed Fiscal '23 Budget \$837,179.00.

### 3. Discussion and Action Items

- a. **Resolution 6-1-22** - Affirming the 2022-2023 Work Plan and Budget.
  - Motion to approve made by Allan Cahill, second by Mary Calorio.
- b. **Resolution 6-2-22** - Affirming the 2022-23 Regional Services Grant Work Plan and Budget.
  - Motion to approve made by Allan Cahill, second by Mary Calorio.
- c. **Resolution 6-3-22** - Directing the NECCOG Executive Committee to Develop a New Position of Deputy Director and corresponding amendments to the organization's Bylaws for future action by the Council
  - Motion to approve made by Mary Calorio, second by Juan Roman.
- d. **Regional Referrals** - none
- e. **STIP Amendments/Actions** - none
- f. **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?
- g. **Other Agenda Items** -
  - Douglas Larry ([DLarry@snet.net](mailto:DLarry@snet.net)) - Working with UCONN for establishing redistricting and identifying proper addressed for correlating town. Third release to come soon with current data.
  - Map can be found at <https://gis.voter.engr.uconn.edu/>
  - Credentials -
    - username: rov
    - password: nathanhale
    - Choose Assembly or Senate districts to review, and select a map or a CSV (comma separated values) data file (or all four from various combinations).
- h. **CEO Roundtable**

- 4. **Adjourn** - 9:23 Motion made by Allan Cahill, second by Gary Greenberg- all in favor.