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Special Meeting Minutes

August 2022 Special Meeting

August 26, 2022 - 9:30am via ZOOM

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

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1. Open Meeting - 9:40am Tracey Hanson, Chair

- a. Welcoming Remarks
- b. Previous Meeting Minutes - motion to table made by Allan Cahill, second by Kevin Cunningham.
- c. Public Participation - **none**
- d. Other Agenda Items - **none**

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

a. Transit Activities

- Ridership is increased slightly on a monthly basis. Free Fare until December 1, 2022.
- Plainfield Pilot peaked in June for ridership. DOT to announce if program will continue with funding beyond October of 2022.
- Stand Down Veterans Affairs Event to take place Friday, September 23, 2022. Meeting points will be Killingly Town Hall and Park & Ride in Plainfield.
- <https://portal.ct.gov/DVA/Pages/Veterans-Stand-Down>

a. Animal Services Program

- Investigations and Seizures have increased from local residents with rise of farm animals. Courts have begun waiving holding fees due to recent economy hardships.
- T&R- Veterinary offices are having limited appointment available for scheduling spay and neutering.

b. Paramedic Intercept Program

- June numbers showing 314 transports, local municipalities paid for 203.

c. Crumbling Foundations

- 591 families back in their homes with restored and secure foundations.

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- Condos are included in program.

d. Transportation Projects and Planning-

- Projects with Commitment to Fund/LOT/CIP Road Projects:
- Application regarding Maple Street in Killingly to continue after additional testing.
- **Transportation Rural Improvement Grant Program (TRIP)**
- 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.

e. GIS Project Updates

- Parcel updates continuing.

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@neccog.org. The sooner the better.

g. IIJA

- COG's are eligible after clarification request sent to the federal government.
- Individual towns may be bundled together for a future Implementation Grant application Safety Plan Grant. Initial Submission is due September 15, 2022
- Asking for Planning Grant within individual local municipalities. There will be a required 20% local match.

h. COVID Recovery

- EDA/DECD Grant now operational
- Survey will be sent out shortly to begin public outreach

i. Member Town Assistance

- Woodstock Town Planner Services
- Eastford Land Use Services
- Canterbury POCD - Completed
- Affordable Housing Plans - Union, Eastford, Pomfret, Canterbury, Chaplin and Woodstock
- Pomfret Marketing Strategy- Delayed
- Voting District Assistance - Thompson, Woodstock, Brooklyn, Plainfield- Completed

i. Broadband

- Goals is to provide High-Speed Internet for all.
- Towns are asked to submit Response Template - deadline was 8/26 2022.

j. LRTP

- Final stages of developing plan. Reaching out to local municipalities for list of needed projects to fast track funding.
- Final draft will include mapping for visual to be included in submission.

k. Region Performance Incentive Program

- Ideas for a Pilot to include but not limited to (25% match requirement with no monetary limit):
- Town Administration
- Assessment
- Building Inspection
- Ambulance

- Planning
- Economic Development
- Land Use Inspection
- Permitting

I. ACIR

- Local Government of the Future (LGF) Initiative:
- Maximizing federal funds through COGs and RESCs
- Assessing effectiveness of certain local reporting requirements to the state
- Property Tax Restructuring

3. Discussion and Action Items

a. Resolution 8-1-22, 2023 Regional Services Grant Program

- **Motion to approve made by Maureen Adams, second by Barney Seney - approved as presented.**

b. Regional Referrals

1. Town of Brooklyn, Proposed revision to the Groundwater Protection Overlay Zone, Section 5.F.4.1.1
2. Town of Plainfield, Proposed moratorium pertaining to cannabis covering all uses in Public Act 21-1.
3. Town of Putnam, Proposed Zoning addition - Section 713 Cannabis Facilities
4. Town of Plainfield, Proposed Zone Text amendment to Section 20 - Application Fee Schedule
5. Town of Brooklyn, Proposed Update of the Plan of Conservation and Development

- **Motion to approve 1-5 Made by Maureen Nicholson, second by Barney Seney - approved as presented**

c. STIP Amendments/Actions -

1. Project #0115-0122, Route 44, Putnam - Replace Retaining Wall Near Cargill Falls Milll, FD - 2023 - \$600,000 - New Project
2. Project #0115-0122, Route 44, Putnam - Replace Retaining Wall Near Cargill Falls Milll, ROW - 2023 - \$50,000 - New Project
3. Project #0115-0122, Route 44, Putnam - Replace Retaining Wall Near Cargill Falls Milll, CON - 2023 - \$4,240,000 - New Project
4. Project #0115-0122, Route 44, Putnam - Replace Retaining Wall Near Cargill Falls Milll, CON - 2023 - \$2,750,000 - New Project

- **Motion to approve 1-4 made by Kevin Cunningham, second by Juan Roman - approved as presented**

d. Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program Preliminary Application

- Local municipalities to hire a consult for projections of estimated funding required.
- 20% match needed for all projects
- Further investigation how to proceed with State Road issues that will require town match.
- **No motion but consensus was to proceed**

e. CEO Roundtable

- Elaine Sistare- In need of Assessor for Town of Putnam, contract hire.
- Towns to utilize RPIP for hiring and funding.

4. Adjourn - 10:18am Motion made by Barney Seney; all in favor.