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Regular Meeting Minutes

October 2022 Regular Meeting

October 28, 2022 - 9:30am via ZOOM

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

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1. Open Meeting - 9:31am Tracey Hanson, Chair
 - a. Welcoming Remarks
 - b. Previous Meeting Minutes - motion to pass Kevin Cunningham, second by Maureen Nicholson.
 - c. Public Participation -
 - Eversource (Jaquan Samuels) - Assistance relief programs available: [Eversource](#)
 - d. Other Agenda Items - none
2. Director's Report - John Filchak, Executive Director
 - a. Transit Activities
 - Deviated/Fixed Route is trending in a positive direction however, the Elderly/Disabled service continues at much lower ridership then before the pandemic. The population has found reliable alternative rides and delivery services to meet their needs.
 - b. Animal Services Program
 - Exploring the possibility of constructing a livestock holding area - to include areas for ducks, chickens, and like animals.
 - In the past month, damages made to and/or theft of traps related to NECCOG's TNR program.
 - c. Paramedic Intercept Program
 - September numbers showing 306 transports, local municipalities paid for 205.
 - d. Crumbling Foundations
 - 600+ families back in their homes with restored and secure foundations.
 - CFSIC will provide 2 re-certification/new certification training courses on November 10 and 17.
 - Before November 10, CFSIC will release its study of 100 public buildings. This report will emphasize the differences between a commercial concrete pour and a residential pour.

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e. Transportation Projects and Planning- TRIP

- Provide state funding (construction activities only) to rural municipalities for transportation projects: construction, modernization or major repair of infrastructure.
- *100% funded through expanded Capital Program*
- *Costs:* Up to \$15M total over 3 years (Start FY23- Oct 2022), No maximum project cost with a project minimum of \$300k
- *Eligible Improvements Types:*
 - Municipalities are eligible to apply for **one grant per solicitation**. It is important to note that grants will be awarded to municipalities on a competitive basis and funding is limited.
 - TRIP projects must be located on a roadway classified as a rural minor collector or higher. Stand alone sidewalk projects may be considered eligible along other roadway classifications. Bridge Improvements may be legible as long as the Federal definition of a bridge is met (20 feet or greater existing span length as defined in 23 CFR 650.305)
 - Slides Multi-use trails are considered eligible under TRIP - **recreational trails are ineligible**.
- Our Regional Engineer, Syl Pauley and our Director of Regional Planning, Jim Larkin - are available to discuss and assist with any project development or questions.

f. GIS Project Updates

- Parcel updates continuing.

g. ARPA Program Update

- Upcoming reporting deadline is April 30, 2023- Reporting period April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023. Please contact Mickey Morabito, Regional Grants and Projects Coordinator for assistance- Mickey.Morabito@neccog.org
- The upcoming reporting deadline for American Rescue Plan is April 30, 2023 along with reporting period will be April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023. Towns are highly encouraged that you ensure your town's Procurement Policy is current and being utilized. In addition to the proper procurement, please reference the Final Rule to ensure expenditure compliance before making any payments, or even starting any projects.
- When you submit projects to NECCOG via e-mail - please title the subject of the e-mail with the Project Name you intend to carry throughout the reporting, followed by your town. For example : Premium Pay, Town of _____.

h. IIJA

- Asking for Planning Grant within individual local municipalities. There will be a required 20% local match.

i. COVID Recovery

- Informal agreement, Task 2 funds will be redirected to tasks 1-4.
- Initial survey completed and CEDS Oversight Committee will convene in late November/early December. Stakeholder interviews underway - 28 identified with more to follow.

j. Member Town Assistance

k. Broadband

- Goal is to provide high-speed internet for all.

l. LRTP

- Final stages of developing plan. Reaching out to local municipalities for list of needed projects to fast track funding.
- Projects with commitment to fund ([SLIDES](#)) towns with on going projects.

m. Region Performance Incentive Program (RPIP)

- Criteria: proposed service or initiative will be available to or benefit all participating members regardless of such member participation in the grant application process. When compared to the existing delivery of services, proposal demonstrates positive cost benefits with increased savings, increased efficiency and capacity, diminishes need for state funding. Promotes among participating member may lead to reduction in economic or social inequality.
- If successful RPIP will cover 75% of the costs and the participating towns would cover 100% by the fourth year. It is not required, nor might it be advisable, that all NECCOG towns participate.

n. ACIR

- Final convenes for property reform as yet to be determined. Hopes to stream line Special Education Grant.

3. Discussion and Action Items

a. **Resolution 10-1-21**, Requesting the Re-Design of the Proposed Department of Transportation Maintenance Facility (State Project 22-106) in Canterbury to One Consistent with the Community Character of the Town.

- **Motion to approved made by Maureen Adams, second by David Eaton - approved as presented; all in favor.**

b. Presentation - SaveDKH ([Link](#)) Speakers Maggie Martin (maggie@DKHCorporators.org) & Bruce Shay

- Expressed that that DKH should remain fully governed by a local community board and that it will maintain the assets that have been built by our community for 128 years and services not be curtailed by religious principles.
- DKH has filed for a Certificate of Need with the CT Office of Health Strategy (OHS), claiming that this is the only alternative for saving the hospital. DKH has failed to produce a history or rationale of past failed merger attempts, or alternative fiscal solutions to OHS or to the community.
- Azalea Computer Program is a possible solution to the requirement of digital patients records costing \$250,000. DKH as claimed a \$45M update is the route they need to take and only viable option.

c. Regional Referrals - none

d. STIP Amendments/Actions -

1. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program - Federally Eligible Engineering Activities, AC Entry, 2023- New Project, Fd \$0, ST \$0, Total \$0
2. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program - Federally Eligible Engineering Activities, AC Conversion, 2023- New Project, Fd \$106, ST \$27, Total \$133
3. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program -Federally Eligible Engineering Activities ,AC Conversion, 2024, New Project, Fd \$106, ST \$ 27, Total \$133
4. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program - Federally Eligible Engineering Activities, AC Conversion, FYI, New Project, Fd \$319, ST \$80, Total \$399
5. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program - Federally Eligible Engineering Activities, AC Entry, 2023- New Project, Fd \$0, ST \$0, Total \$0
6. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program - Federally Eligible Engineering Activities, AC Conversion, 2023- New Project, Fd \$301, ST \$75, Total \$376
7. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program -Federally Eligible Engineering Activities ,AC Conversion, 2024, New Project, Fd \$301, ST \$ 75, Total \$376
8. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program -Federally Eligible Engineering Activities ,AC Conversion, FYI, New Project, Fd \$902, ST \$ 226, Total \$1,128
9. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program -Federally Eligible Engineering Activities ,AC Entry, 2023, New Project, Fd \$0, ST \$ 0, Total \$0
10. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program -Federally Eligible Engineering Activities ,AC Conversion, 2023, New Project, Fd \$112, ST \$ 28, Total \$140

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12. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program -Federally Eligible Engineering Activities ,AC Conversion, FYI, New Project, Fd \$336, ST \$ 84, Total \$420
13. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program -Federally Eligible Engineering Activities ,AC Entry, 2023, New Project, Fd \$0, ST \$ 0, Total \$0
14. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program -Federally Eligible Engineering Activities ,AC Conversion, 2023, New Project, Fd \$68, ST \$ 17, Total \$85
15. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program -Federally Eligible Engineering Activities ,AC Conversion, 2024, New Project, Fd \$68, ST \$ 17, Total \$85
16. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program -Federally Eligible Engineering Activities ,AC Conversion, FYI, New Project, Fd \$204, ST \$ 51, Total \$256
17. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program -Federally Eligible Engineering Activities ,AC Entry, 2023, New Project, Fd \$0, ST \$ 0, Total \$0
18. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program -Federally Eligible Engineering Activities ,AC Conversion, 2023, New Project, Fd \$23, ST \$ 6, Total \$28
19. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program -Federally Eligible Engineering Activities ,AC Conversion, 2024, New Project, Fd \$23, ST \$ 6, Total \$28
20. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program -Federally Eligible Engineering Activities ,AC Conversion, FYI, New Project, Fd \$68, ST \$ 17, Total \$85
21. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program -Federally Eligible Engineering Activities ,AC Entry, 2023, New Project, Fd \$0, ST \$ 0, Total \$0
22. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program -Federally Eligible Engineering Activities ,AC Conversion, 2023, New Project, Fd \$11, ST \$ 3, Total \$14
23. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program -Federally Eligible Engineering Activities ,AC Conversion, 2024, New Project, Fd \$11, ST \$ 3, Total \$14
24. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program -Federally Eligible Engineering Activities ,AC Conversion, FYI, New Project, Fd \$33, ST \$ 8, Total \$41
25. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program -Federally Eligible Engineering Activities ,AC Entry, 2023, New Project, Fd \$0, ST \$ 0, Total \$0
26. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program -Federally Eligible Engineering Activities ,AC Conversion, 2023, New Project, Fd \$3, ST \$ 1, Total \$4
27. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program -Federally Eligible Engineering Activities ,AC Conversion, 2024, New Project, Fd \$3, ST \$ 1, Total \$4
28. Project #0170-5032, Statewide- TA Program -Federally Eligible Engineering Activities ,AC Conversion, FYI, New Project, Fd \$10, ST \$, Total \$12

- **Motion to approve 1-28 made by Maureen Nicholson, second by Kevin Cunningham - approved as presented; all in favor.**

e. Transportation Rural Improvement Program

f. New Regional Initiatives Discussion for Potential RPIP Applications

- Regional programs can be put forth as an RPIP application, 25% cost share. In the 4th year all participating towns, will cover 100% of costs. Union work that is impacted, will be addressed and consulted.
- There is no max or minimum for funding. It is not required, nor might it be advisable, that all NECCOG towns participate - but there should be not less than two - with any town within or outside NECCOG eligible to join in at any time.
- Establishment Regional Inlands & Wetlands Commission

g. CEO Roundtable

- Regional Tourism District to possibly vote on Brand Name for Mystic, CT . [LINK](#)
- Towns to appoint a director - (towns may use same director after recent legislation was passed) RTD Full board meeting to take place in Dec.
- Hoping to direct tourism to multiple towns and not an isolated location in district area.
- NECCOG Annual Meeting Dec 2, 2022- details to follow

4. Adjourn - 10:42am : Motion made by Kevin Cuning, second by David Eaton; all in favor.