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Meeting Minutes

February 2023 Regular Meeting

February 24, 2023 - 9:00am Canterbury Town Hall & ZOOM

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

1. Open Meeting - 9:06 am Maureen Nicholson, Chair
 - a. Welcoming Remarks
2. Meeting Actions
 - a. Previous Meeting Minutes - Motion made by Allan Cahill, second by Barney Seney
 - b. Public Participation - Jaquan Samuels from Eversource, discussed energy hardship programs that are available at [Eversource](#)
 - c. Other Agenda Items - None
3. Director's Report - John Filchak, Executive Director
 - a. Regional Transit Services Program
 - 11 of 15 districts received funding for Transit services; NECCOG/ NECTD was not included. The Director will be meeting with CONNDOT for further information.
 - The Elderly & Disabled ridership, unfortunately has not rebounded and continues to lag well below pre-pandemic levels. This decrease is due in large part because patrons are finding alternate transportation, participating in virtual appointments and a continued lack of drivers. Pre-pandemic NECTD operated up to 3 buses for the elderly -disabled service - 5 days per week. Today it operates with one driver and just 3 days per week.
 - b. Regional Animal Services program
 - January numbers were shown- 2023
 - c. Paramedic Intercept Program
 - d. Crumbling Foundations
 - 700 families and counting are back in their homes.
 - e. Transportation Projects and Planning- LRTP
 - The plan is now in circulation with the towns for project placements

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- f. Regional Planning Activities
- g. EDA Grant
 - Task 1 is near completion for October deadline. An extension of 3 months was filed for tasks 3 & 4.
- h. RSG Grant Change
- i. UPWP Grant Change
- j. Safe Routes Grant Award
 - Awarded \$160,000 grant for Safe Streets and Roads for All
- k. Legislation-
 - The Director briefly reviewed multiple bills that NECCOG is tracking.
- l. 2023-23 Work Plan and Budget
 - Increase in funding from the state for Transportation Planning/ Assistance Funding Change for the 23 & 24 fiscal year.
- m. RPIP Applications
- n. TRIP Program
 - TRIP Projects DEADLINE need to be endorsed and submitted to CONNDOT on or before April 28, 2023.

4. Discussion and Action Items.

- a. Presentation - Capital Region Council of Governments - Capitol Region Purchasing Council
 - Pauline Yoder, Chief Operating Officer and Kimberly Bona, Capitol Region Purchasing Council Program Manager
 - Available programs: Bids for Commodities & Services, Job Order Contracting Construction, Energy Consortia, IT and opportunities for local municipalities to piggyback on services. In addition but not limited too: Human Resources, Textile Recycling, Fire & EMS. Yearly membership through COG \$500 per town (\$750 otherwise).
 - Contact: <https://crocog.org/municipal-services/crpc/> kbona@crog.org rnichols@crog.org

- b. Sustainable Materials Management Regional Waste Authority (RWA) Grant Program - Environmental Depot Planning - LRTP
 - **Deadline must be submitted to DEEP by Friday, March 31st at 5:00 PM**
 - Eligible Expenses: Technical, Legal and Administrative.

Motion to allow The Director to submit application for authorization for Environmental Depot and report to municipalities with findings- Motion made by Mary Calorio, second by Lincoln Cooper.

- c. Policy Affirmations for NECCOG and NECTD regarding:
 - i. Title VI/Environmental Justice/LEP Plan and Complaint Procedure
 - ii. American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) Policy
 - iii. Affirmative Action Plan

Motion to Table for March Regular meeting made by Maureen Nicholson, second by Allan Cahill.

- d. RPIP Applications:

i. Shared/Regional Town Administration	ii. Shared/Regional Assessor Administration Services	iii. Animal Control Software
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No motion taken

e. Regional Referrals

- i. Town of Lisbon, Zoning Text Amendment - Amend Section 4.1.3 "Agriculture" to exclude forestry practices per CT General Statutes. [Section 1-1q of the CGS clearly includes forestry as agriculture]
- ii. Town of Lisbon, Zone Text Amendment to Section 11.5.3 "Notification of Abutters by Applicant" to clarify methods of mailing notices to abutters.
- iii. Town of Brooklyn, Zone Text Amendment to ZRC 23-001 Multiple revisions concerning exceptions to setbacks including 2.B, 3.A.5.2, 3.C.5.2, 4.B.4.2, and 8.A.4.
- iv. Town of Woodstock, Proposed text amendment for the purpose of establishing a temporary and limited moratorium on Cannabis establishments in the Town of Woodstock Zoning Regulations, Article III.A.2.e.A.4.
- v. Town of Mansfield, Affordable Housing Text Amendments - Article 10, Section W,4.a.
- vi. Town of Mansfield - Temporary And Limited Moratorium In The Design Multiple Residences (Dmr) And Pleasant Valley Residence Agriculture (PVRA) Zones - Article 3

Motion to approve referrals 2-6 and exclude 1 - Motion made by Maureen Nicholson, second by Chris Lippke. The Director will send back recommendation of note on Referral 1: Forestry is considered "Agriculture".

e. STIP Amendments/Actions

- i. Project Number 0170-3577, Statewide - LINE STRIPING/PAVEMENT MARKINGS (1 of 4) - AC CONVERSION, Phase: Con. 2023 -\$2m - Delete FY23
- ii. Project Number 0170-3578, Statewide - LINE STRIPING/PAVEMENT MARKINGS (1 of 4) - AC CONVERSION, Phase: Con. 2023 -\$2m - Delete FY23
- iii. Project Number 0170-3579, Statewide - LINE STRIPING/PAVEMENT MARKINGS (1 of 4) - AC CONVERSION, Phase: Con. 2023 -\$2m - Delete FY23
- iv. Project Number 0170-3580, Statewide - LINE STRIPING/PAVEMENT MARKINGS (1 of 4) - AC CONVERSION, Phase: Con. 2023 -\$2m - Delete FY23
- v. Project Number 0170-3650, Statewide - PAVEMENT MARKINGS (2 OF 4) - AC ENTRY - Phase: Con. 2023 \$0 - New project
- vi. Project Number 0170-3650, Statewide - PAVEMENT MARKINGS (2 OF 4) - AC CONVERSION - Phase: Con. 2023 \$2.5m - New project
- vii. Project Number 0170-3650, Statewide - PAVEMENT MARKINGS (2 OF 4) - AC CONVERSION - Phase: Con. 2024 \$2.5m - New project
- viii. Project Number 0170-3650, Statewide - PAVEMENT MARKINGS (3 OF 4) - AC CONVERSION - Phase: Con. FYI \$2.5m - New project
- ix. Project Number 0170-3651, Statewide - PAVEMENT MARKINGS (3 OF 4) - AC ENTRY - Phase: Con. 2023 \$0 - New project
- x. Project Number 0170-3651, Statewide - PAVEMENT MARKINGS (3 OF 4) - AC CONVERSION - Phase: Con. 2023 \$2.5m - New project
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- xiii. Project Number 0170-3652, Statewide - PAVEMENT MARKINGS (4 OF 4) - AC ENTRY - Phase: Con. 2023 \$0m - New project
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- xvii. Project Number 0170-3649, Statewide - PAVEMENT MARKINGS (1 OF 4) - AC ENTRY - Phase: Con. 2023 \$0 - New project
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Motion to approve all as presented made by Tracey Hanson, second by Allan Cahill.

f. Other Agenda items- none

g. CEO Roundtable

- Agriculture Forum Presentation - Free event to discuss farming and agriculture issues with local municipalities and state representatives.
Ekonk Grange - March 11, 2023, 10 AM -12
Location: Ekonk Hill Rd, Sterling, CT
- The [Law Enforcement Council of Connecticut](#) will be holding a free one-day session on the process of becoming a police officer in Connecticut. March 25, 2023 9:00 am -1:00.
Location: 11 Scott AVE, Norwich, CT
- CIRMA Security Evaluation Issues program regarding school safety. Active grant for future cyber security [LINK](#)

h. **Adjourn** - 10:03 Motion made by Allan Cahill , second by Maureen Nicholson - all in favor.