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Meeting Minutes

April 2023 Regular Meeting

April 28, 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, Union, Voluntown, and Woodstock.

1. Open Meeting - 9:04 am Maureen Nicholson, Chair
 - a. Welcoming Remarks
2. Meeting Actions
 - a. Previous Meeting Minutes - Motion made by David Eaton, second by Link Cooper.
 - b. Public Participation - Jaquan Samuels from Eversource, programs that are available: [Eversource](#), Mike Caplet from DEMHS Region 4 Coordinator - Annual MOA all 41 towns need to participate, Deadline for fee cyber security assessment April 28, 2023.
 - c. Other Agenda Items - None
3. Director's Report - John Filchak, Executive Director
 - a. Regional Transit Services Program
 - Numbers showing below pre-pandemic and in need of drivers. Patrons are finding delivery services to replace need of riding.
 - b. Regional Animal Services program
 - March numbers were shown- 2023
 - c. Paramedic Intercept Program
 - Bidding for RP to be collected and presented to the board for approval.
 - d. Crumbling Foundations
 - 750 families projected to be back in home by Labor Day 2023.
 - e. Transportation Projects, Planning, TRIP, L RTP
 - TRIP projects are to be endorsed and submitted to NECCOG. Dead line March 31, 2023. (7 in total allowed).
 - Finalizing L RTP projects, public hearing to come.
 - f. Safe Routes Grant Status

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- Project estimated to being in 2024.
- g. IJJA Cost Share Need
 - The Director showed eligible programs in red and a 20% match is required by town and highly suggested to capitalize on them while the limited opportunity is available.
- h. DEMHS Region IV 2022 MOAs
- i. Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant Application
- j. EDA Grant Status
 - Meeting for the region coming soon. On track for CEDS information in task 1.
- k. 2023 Legislative Session
 - Budget & Bondage Package, the Director showed various programs with newly increased funding.
- l. Environmental Grant Application
- m. FY 22 Audits
- n. NECCOG 2023-24 Work Plan/Budget
 - Figures are currently being collected for review.

4. Discussion and Action Items.

- a. Presentation - Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program - Central Massachusetts Planning Commission
 - Janet Pierce- Executive Director/ Trish Settles AICP Deputy Director/ Ian McElwee Principal Planner - Climate Pollutant Reduction Grant (CPR) application was submitted with notice of intent with EPA, \$1 million, 4 year grant. Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) regions map shown in presentation for participation locations. The commission is currently working with local municipalities to collaborate in the use of the grant. : [WEBSITE](#)

- b. Transportation Rural Improvement Grant Program (TRIP) Endorsement

Motion to approve as presented made by Barney Seney, second by Chris Lippke.

- c. State of Concerns and recommendations to NDDH

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| i. Organizational Structure Assistance | ii. Program Focus |
| | iii. Budget Transparency |

- The board asked to increase communications to achieve mutual concerns and collaborate efforts. NDDH will be sending out surveys to collect data from local municipalities to determine needs and wants for future grants. A third party to potentially come and review projects and internal services.

- d. New Regional Services

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| i. Regional Building Official | iii. Assessment |
| ii. Regional Zoning Enforcement Officers | iv. Administration |
| | v. Other |

- No motion taken, Pilot program was suggested with more information to follow for application endorsement.

- e. Resolution 4-1-23, Capitol Region Purchasing Council (CRPC) Membership (\$8,000)

- Motion to approve as presented made by Barney Seney, second by David Eaton.

f. Senate Bill 1208, An Act Concerning the Assessment of Motor Vehicles for Property Taxation

- Motion to approve to have the Director meet with the Governor to discuss made by all.

g. STIP Actions and Amendments

- I. Project Number 0170-xxxx, Various- STATEWIDE BUS SHELTER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FY21, Phase: OTH. 2023, Fed \$1,200 State \$300.
- II. Project Number 0170-xxxx, Various- STATEWIDE BUS STOP SIGN PROGRAM - IMPLEMENTATION FY21, Phase: OTH. 2023 Fed \$1,200 State \$300.
- III. Project Number 0170-xxxx, Various- STATEWIDE BUS SHELTER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FY22, Phase: OTH. 2023 Fed \$1,200 State \$ 300.
- IV. Project Number 0170-xxxx, Various- STATEWIDE BUS SHELTER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FY21, Phase: OTH. 2023. Fed \$1,200 State \$300.
- V. Project Number 0170-xxxx, Various- STATEWIDE BUS STOP SIGN PROGRAM - IMPLEMENTATION, Phase: OTH. 2023. Fed \$400 State \$100.
- VI. Project Number 0170-3640- STATEWIDE- SERVICE PLAZA MAINLINE SIGN AND SIGN SUPPORT REPLACEMENT FYI. Phase: CON. Fed \$3,750 State \$0.

Motion to approve as presented made by Barney Seney, second by Link Cooper.

g. Regional Referrals

- I. Town of Lisbon, Text Amendments for Zoning and Flood Protection regulations- 10.15.3, 10.5.4b, 6.10.1-7, 6.11,6.12.
- II. Town of Plainfield, Text Amendment to Section 5 of the Floodplain Management, Special Flood Areas/Flood Ways.
- III. Town of Brooklyn, Public Hearing - Planning and Zoning Commission April 25, 2023. ZRC23-003, ZC 23-001, ZRC 23-004.
- IV. Town of Putnam, Special Permit for Excavation, Lot 11, 285 & 357 River Road.

Motion to approve as presented made by Barney Seney, second by David Eaton.

4. CEO Roundtable

- Roaming animals nuisance to be addressed and meeting to take place May 6th at Town Hall with residents and Commanding Officer of State Police, Representative Anne Dauphinais and Senator Heather Somers to discuss potential solutions.
- Opioid addiction, municipalities to ask Attorney General William Tong for guidance to help address this issue and create regional education
- Due to rise in Avian Flu, Department of Agriculture must find a disposable site for diseased animals. Voluntown is a potential site.

5. Adjourn- 10:06 Motion made by Barney Seney and second David Eaton.