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Pomfret - Putnam - Scotland - Sterling - Thompson - Union - Voluntown - Woodstock

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Meeting Minutes

June 2023 Regular Meeting

June 23, 2023 - 9:00am Canterbury Town Hall & ZOOM

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

1. Open Meeting - 9:05 am Maureen Nicholson, Chair
 - a. Welcoming Remarks
2. Meeting Actions
 - a. Previous Meeting Minutes - Approved motion made by Kevin Cunningham, second by Patti George.
 - b. Public Participation -
 - Jaquan Samuels & Martin Pitek from Eversource, programs that are available: [Eversource](#)
Incentive programs - martin.pitek@eversource.com
 - c. Other Agenda Items - None
3. Director's Report - John Filchak, Executive Director
 - a. Regional Transit Services Program
 - Lack of drivers is an on going issue.
 - b. Regional Animal Services program
 - Took in around 60 cats for a case for Mohegan Tribal Nation, more than half have been re-homed.
 - Hoarding and surrender cases have risen.
 - c. Paramedic Intercept Program
 - Negotiations are due for July and the Director will make recommendations regarding contracts. Current contract extension is until September. QV Dispatch asked for increase from \$10 to \$12.
 - 5310 Grant Program now available, submit applications to the Director. Deadline June 30, 2023. Limiting to traditional vs nontraditional.
 - d. Crumbling Foundations
 - e. GIS

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- All parcel updates have been completed for the 7 participating communities. GIS + CAMA data collection has been submitted to OPM. Majority of tax maps have been completed. The Director reported zoning layers are being updated and added to the viewer.
- f. Transportation Projects and Planning- LRTP.
 - DOT wants projects to be submitted stating the funding involved.
 - TRIP projects will be reviewed over the summer and contacting communities approved.
- g. Regional Planning Activities
- h. EDA COVID Recovery Grant Status
 - Please submit priority projects for CEDS to the Director, Anna Shugrue or Delia Fey: anna.shugrue@neccog.org delia.fey@neccog.org
 - Task 2 was removed. Task 4 is on schedule, the Director projected to be under budget.
- i. ACIR Update
- j. Environmental Depot
 - Application was denied and the Director is to follow up for reasoning.
- m. Legislative Wrap-up.
 - Major Public Acts was released and the Director will distribute. Regional Election Advisor was renamed and a task force was given for small towns for assistance. A testimony was given and language was adopted in a preceding bill.
 - The term “livestock” was incorporated in roaming animals ordinance.
 - Crumbling Foundations will now require quarries to test for the mineral Pyrrhotite that contributions to foundation issues..
 - COG Funding was increased to \$7M, NECCOG budget was given \$470,000
- N. Other
 - The Director will be forwarding a survey to document urban and community forest resources in municipalities throughout the state. **Responses due JULY 6th.**
 - Flood control verbiage needs to be update language has been provided by the state to be in compliance- 44 CFR 60.3 the Director suggested to incorporate into Zoning.
 - FEMA meeting Wednesday June 28, 2023 located at Plainfield Central School 4:00- 7:00 PM

3. Presentations, Discussion and Action Items

- a. Resolution 06-1-23, Approval of the 2023 - 2024 NECCOG Plan of Work with NECCOG/NECTD Budgets
- b. Resolution 06-2-23, Approval of the Fiscal Year 24 and Fiscal Year 25 NECCOG Unified Plan of Work Program (UPWP) and Delegation of Authority For its Executive Director to Enter into Agreements with the Connecticut Department of Transportation and other State/Federal Agencies
- c. Resolution 5-1-21 , Delegation of Authority For the Executive Director to Enter into Agreements with the Connecticut Department of Transportation and other State/Federal Agencies

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d. Acceptance of the FY 21-22 NECCOG and NECTD Annual Audits

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e. Regional Referrals

- i. Town of Mansfield- 190-9, 190-78 Zoning Revisions and Grammatical Updates
- ii. Town of Ashford - Z-2023-55 Zoning Amendment

- iii. Town of Plainfield - 23-6TA Zoning Regulations Amendment , 23 - 7TA Text Amendment Request
- iv. Town of Killingly- Zone Text Amendment #23-1310, #23-1311
- v. Town of Chaplin- Zoning Regulations Amendments Section 8-3(b)

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f. STIP Amendments/Actions

- i. Project 0111-0126, Pomfret -AIR LINE TRAIL RECONSTRUCTION, Phase ROW 2024, State \$10 Fed \$ 40
- ii. Project 0111-0126, Pomfret -AIR LINE TRAIL RECONSTRUCTION, Phase RD 2024, State \$53 Fed \$ 214
- iii. Project 0111-0126, Pomfret -AIR LINE TRAIL RECONSTRUCTION, Phase CON, FYI , State \$30 Fed \$ 121
- iv. Project 0111-0126, Pomfret -AIR LINE TRAIL RECONSTRUCTION, Phase CON FYI, State \$530 Fed \$2,119
- v. Project 0141-0157 Thompson- REPLACE BR 02128 o/ SUNSET HILL BROOK - AC CONVERSION, Phase CON, 2023, State \$356 Fed \$1,425
- vi. Project 0141-0157 Thompson- REPLACE BR 02128 o/ SUNSET HILL BROOK - AC CONVERSION, Phase CON, 2024, State \$295 Fed \$1,180

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g. Regional Initiatives Discussion and Possible Approval for RPIP Applications

- i. Regional Inspection and Enforcement Program
- ii. Regional Municipal Assessment Services
- iii. Regional Municipal Administration

The Director showed the specific criteria to satisfy the proposals Special Meeting to discuss
July 11- 9:30 location TBD

4. CEO Roundtable

- July meeting cancelled
- Christopher Regan - Regan Enterprise for help in tourism district - christopherregan@sbcglobal.net

5. Adjourn - 10:07 motion made by Tracey Hanson, second by Chris Lippke