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Meeting Minutes

March 2023 Regular Meeting

March 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, 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 Allan Cahill, second by David Eaton
 - b. Public Participation - Jaquan Samuels from Eversource, programs that are available: [Eversource](#)
 - c. Other Agenda Items - None
3. Director's Report - John Filchak, Executive Director
 - a. Regional Transit Services Program
 - 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.
 - Newly acquired mini van for S&D, lowering costs to operate.
 - b. Regional Animal Services program
 - February numbers were shown- 2023
 - c. Paramedic Intercept Program
 - Asking for 17% increase for next fiscal year.
 - d. Crumbling Foundations
 - 705 families and counting are back in their homes with total paid claims to date are \$110,522,291. Projected 1,500 people back in homes by end of the year.
 - e. Transportation Projects, Planning, TRIP, LRTP & Safe Routes Grant

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- DOT increased funding and the Director is finalizing draft in Unified Planning Work Program for the FY 2024-2025.
 - TRIP projects are to be endorsed and submitted to NECCOG. Dead line March 31, 2023. (7 in total allowed).
 - Safe Routes Grant -\$160,000 federal with \$40,000 (20%) local match, program to include data collection, pedestrian safety, accessibility, lighting and more. The Director reported Congressman Courtney advocated for bonding to help with the submission of applications.
 - Finalizing LRTP projects.
- f. Regional Planning Activities
- g. EDA Grant
- Requested extension was denied, the Director will have meeting to address this outcome.
- h. 2023 Legislative Session
- The Director is monitoring specific projects and legislation.
- i. Environmental Depot
- Application to DEEP in process of being submitted.
- j. 2023-23 Work Plan and Budget
- Increase in funding from the state for Transportation Planning/ Assistance Funding Change for the 23 & 24 fiscal year.

4. Discussion and Action Items.

- a. Presentation -Day Kimball Hospital- Kyle Kramer- Chief Executive Officer and Robert Viens, Chief Pharmacy Officer
- DKH still remains in need of a partnership after a failed merger. They have met with state and local government to discuss strategies of remaining open and providing efficient health care.
 - Rising costs in labor, cost, supplies and technologies has risen 60% pre pandemic.
 - Health electronic records system is yet to be implemented to meet requirements. Epic System is the preference to be chosen due to main surrounding Hospitals utilizing this program.
- b. Annual Policy Affirmations - NECCOG and NECTD) - ADA, TitleVI/Environmental Justice, and LEP Motion to approved as presented made by Tracey Hanson, second by Allan Cahill.
- c. STIP Amendments/Actions
- I. Project Number 0141-0157, Thompson- REPLACE BR 02128 o/ SUNSET HILL BROOK - AC ENTRY, Phase: Con. 2023.
 - II. Project Number 0141-0157, Thompson-REPLACE BR 02128 o/ SUNSET HILL BROOK - AC CONVERSION, Phase: Con. 2023 \$3,125
 - III. Project Number 0141-0157, Thompson- REPLACE BR 02128 o/ SUNSET HILL BROOK, Phase: Con. 2023 \$290
 - IV. Project Number 0170-3682 Statewide- NEVI PROGRAM PHASE 1 ADMINISTRATION, Phase: PL. 2023 \$1M, new project.
 - V. New Project 0170-3684, Statewide- RESILIENCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN & VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT, Phase: PL. 2023 \$750
 - VI. Project Number 0170-3667, Statewide- STATEWIDE TDM: GREATER CT MODERATE- Phase: Con. 2023 \$1,623
 - VII. Project Number 0062-0096, Hampton- REPLACE BR 02591 o/ FULLER BROOK- Phase: Con. 2023 \$3,100.
 - VIII. Project Number 0170-5025, Statewide- INSTALL & REMOVE OVERHEAD SIGN SUPPORTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS. Phase: Con 2023 \$10,400.
 - IX. Project Number 0170-3682, Statewide- NEVI PROGRAM PHASE 1 ADMINISTRATION. Phase: PL 2023. \$1,000.
 - X. Project Number 0170-3684, Statewide-RESILIENCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN & VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT Phase- PL 2023. \$750.
 - XI. Project Number 0172-0529, District 2- REPLACE, REHAB OR REMOVE RETAINING WALLS IN POD 2A. Phase CN 2026. \$6,818.

XII. Project Number 0146-0203, Vernon- Union- REPLACE HIGHWAY SIGNS & SUPPORTS - AC ENTRY. Phase: Con 2023. \$0.

XIII. Project Number 0146-0203, Vernon-Union- REPLACE HIGHWAY SIGNS & SUPPORTS - AC CONVERSION. Phase: Con. 2023 \$16,000.

XIV. Project 0170-3667, Statewide- STATEWIDE TDM: GREATER CT MODERATE. Phase: OTH 2023, \$1,623.

XV. Project Number 0172-0529, District 2 - REPLACE, REHAB OR REMOVE RETAINING WALLS IN POD 2A. Phase: Row 2024, \$100.

XVI. Project Number 0172-0529, District 2- REPLACE, REHAB OR REMOVE RETAINING WALLS IN POD 2A.. Phase: Con. FYI, \$6,818.

- 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 (2 of 4) - AC CONVERSION, Phase: Con. 2023 -\$2m - Delete FY23
- iii. Project Number 0170-3579, Statewide - LINE STRIPING/PAVEMENT MARKINGS (3 of 4) - AC CONVERSION, Phase: Con. 2023 -\$2m - Delete FY23
- iv. Project Number 0170-3580, Statewide - LINE STRIPING/PAVEMENT MARKINGS (4 of 4) - AC CONVERSION, Phase: Con. 2023 -\$2m - Delete FY23

Motion to approve all as presented made by Kevin Cunningham, second by Allan Cahill.

c. Regional Referrals

I. Project Number- 0172-0501- District 2. Project Title: Installation & Revision of Traffic Control Signals.

II. Town of Plainfield, Text Amendments to section 12.30.1 & 8.21 - 23-3ZC Proposed 12- Month Moratorium, 23-2ZC of Plainfield Planning and Zoning Commission, 23-1ZC of T&S Oil.

III. Town of Brooklyn- Proposed revisions to site plan submission requirements, Section 9.C.3.6

Motion to approve as presented Christopher Lippke, second by David Eaton.

f. Other Agenda items- none

g. CEO Roundtable

- Make recommendations and suggestion to present to NDDH.
- Agriculture Event was massive success , 12 presenters with 60 attendees. Selectmen Link Cooper hopes to continue event.

h. Adjourn - 10:03 Motion made by Allan Cahill , second by David Eaton - all in favor.