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Meeting Minutes

September 2023 Regular Meeting

September 22, 2023 - 9:04am Canterbury Town Hall & ZOOM

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Representation from the following towns: Brooklyn, Canterbury, , Eastford, Hampton, Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, 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 Austin Tanner second by Barney Seney.**
 - b. Public Participation - None
3. Director's Report - John Filchak, Executive Director
 - a. Regional Transit Services Program
 - Decline in ridership and lack of drivers is an on going issue.
 - b. Regional Animal Services program
 - Two new legislative documents were present by the Director: Public Act No. 23-17, Public Act No.23-138 (See slides for more information).
 - c. Paramedic Intercept Program
 - The Director showed most recent numbers reflecting January - July 2023.
 - d. Crumbling Foundations
 - 800 families foundations repaired and rising.
 - e. Environmental Depot
 - DEEP asked the Director for more information regarding application, waiting for response for future plans.
 - f. Regional Revaluation Program
 - Section 7 of Public Act 22-74 sets up new revaluation zones based on the council of governments as well as new revaluation dates. Brooklyn, Canterbury and Pomfret are being moved to 2024 from 2025 to accommodate the new law.

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- g. Transportation Planning & Projects
 - CONNDOT expects to submit projects to the commissioner by the end of the month.
 - In the final stages of Safe Streets Grant
 - The Director showed multiple projects pertaining to LOTCIP as well as developing an economic enhancement plan regarding 169 Byway. Brush-clean up plans to potentially come and apply for funding from CONNDOT to assist.
 - h. EDA Grant
 - Please submit priority projects for CEDS to the Director, Anna Shugrue or Delia Fey: anna.shugrue@neccog.org delia.fey@neccog.org
 - i. IIJA
 - The state can now use ARPA money to cover match sharing. The Director recommended that COGs should ask for a meeting with the Governors office and Boughton to ensure priority for the projects and funding.
 - m. Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - Has lapsed and will be moving forward with a grant for a consultant to mitigate a new plan.
 - N. Housing
 - Public Act No. 23-207
 - o. 2024 Legislative Session
 - p. Staffing Update
 - Public Act 23-205
10. Discussion and Action Items

a. NDDH

Motion to add to agenda for Discussion made by Maureen Nicholson second by Allan Cahill.
Passed unanimously

b. Regional Referrals

- i. **Town of Killingly** - Zone TEXT Change Application - (1) Zone TEXT Change Application #23-1315 - Town of Killingly, Zone TEXT Change to add more definitions of uses etc. to the Town of Killingly Zoning Regulations, Article III Definitions, Section 310.
- ii. **Town of Killingly** - Zone - TEXT & MAP Change Appl #23-1310- Town of Killingly, RE: National Flood Insurance Program; a) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Maps; b) T.O.K. Zoning Regulations, Section 440, Flood Hazard Districts; c) T.O.K. Subdivision Regulations, Article IV, Section 20 Floodplains.
- iii. **Town of Killingly** - Zone TEXT & MAP Change Appl #23-1311- Borough of Danielson, RE: National Flood Insurance Program, a) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Maps; b) Borough of Danielson Zoning Regulations, Section 1, Flood Damage Prevention Regulations; and Section 460, Flood Hazard District.
- iv. **Town of Killingly** - Zone TEXT & Change Appl #23-1300- Town of Killingly, Zone Text Change to complete update and revision of Section 436. Business park District to include a proposed use table.
- v. **Town of Killingly** - Zone TEXT & Change Appl #23-1320- Town of Killingly, Zone Text Change that would allow a redemption center as an allowed (permitted) use in the Borough of Danielson's Central Business District.

- vi. **Town of Killingly** - Zone TEXT & Change Appl #23-1321- Town of Killingly, 543 Wauregan Rd, GIS Map 262: LOT20:2.1 acres: LI- request to change zone district from Light Industrial back to General Commercial.
- vii. **Town of Plainfield** - Zone TEXT & Change Appl #23.IZS- Town of Plainfield, Zone Text amendment to delete Section 12.21 Municipal Uses and new Section 15.9 Municipal Uses.
(TABLED)
- viii. **Town of Chaplin**- Zone PLanning & Zoning, Town of Chaplin, revision to section 5.3 of Zoning and Regulations.
- ix. **Town of Brooklyn** - Zone TEXT & MAP Appl #ZRC 23005/ZC 23-002/SRC 23-001 — Town of Brooklyn. Zone and Map Update, Floodplain Overlay, Subdivision Regulation update (FEMA/ NFIP).

Motion to approve 1-6, 8, 9 made by Barney Seney, second by David Eaton.
Passed Unanimously

c. STIP Amendments/Actions
None

c. RPIP Initiatives

- I. Town Administration
- II. Assessor Services
- III. Inspection and Enforcement
- IV. Emergency Medical Services

The Director is to set up future meetings for discussion and Pilot programs.

d. Executive Session

- I. Motion to go into Executive Session made by maureen Nicholson second by David Eaton to discuss the Executive Director's Contract Review

Motion to leave Executive Session made by Kevin Cunningham second by Barney Seney

Motion to approve Contract and changes made by David Eaton second by Allan Cahill.
Passed Unanimously

II. Motion to go into Executive Session made by Maureen Nicholson second by David Eaton.

In accordance with Section 1-200(6)(E) for the discussion of RFP Responses for the Regional Paramedic Intercept Program protected from disclosure under Section 1-210(24) "Responses to any request for proposals or bid solicitation issued by a public agency or any record or file made by a public agency in connection with the contract award process, until such contract is executed or negotiations for the award of such contract have ended, whichever occurs earlier, provided the chief executive officer of such public agency certifies that the public interest in the disclosure of such responses, record or file is outweighed by the public interest in the confidentiality of such responses, record or file."

Motion to leave Executive Session made by Kevin Cunningham second by Barney Seney

The Director to continue discussions and negotiations with KB Ambulance Services.

G.Roundtable

- Consolidate efforts for Opioid education.

5. Adjourn - 11:117 Motion made by Allan Cahill, second by David Eaton