



# NECCOG

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

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# Meeting Minutes

## October 2023 Regular Meeting

October 27, 2023 - 9:00am Canterbury Town Hall & ZOOM

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Representation from the following towns: Brooklyn, Chaplin, Eastford, Hampton, Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Sterling, Thompson, and Woodstock.

1. Open Meeting - 9:08 am Maureen Nicholson, Chair
  - a. Welcoming Remarks
2. Meeting Actions
  - a. Previous Meeting Minutes - **Approved motion made by Kevin Cunningham second by Juan Roman**
  - 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.
    - Plainfield Service, per our agreement with CONNDOT has remained fully staffed since it began
    - CONNDOT has provided NECCOG with 6 new buses to replace old ones that have fall in disrepair.
  - b. Regional Animal Services program
    - The situation in Sterling that has been previously discussed is still without resolution. Unfortunately, mediation, which the Department of Agriculture attempted, never materialized and our ability within the statutes is limited. We are now attempting, with the assistance of our legal counsel and the Department of Agriculture to pursue other options.
  - c. Paramedic Intercept Program
    - KB Ambulance has a new president and it was decided that the Director should meet with him for further discussion. Negotiations are on going.

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d. Crumbling Foundations

- The Bond Commission, on October 6, approved CFSIC's FY24 bond allocation of \$25 million - allowing it to shortly begin full activity once it receives the funds. CFSIC's just released 2023 Annual Report can be found at: [https://crumblingfoundations.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Memo\\_CFSIC\\_Annual\\_Report2023-1.pdf](https://crumblingfoundations.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Memo_CFSIC_Annual_Report2023-1.pdf) report provides a comprehensive look at CFCIC's operations and data regarding individual towns.

e. Environmental Depot

- still awaiting DEEP's final action on our grant application.

f. Transportation Planning & Projects

- Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) - Balance of Program Funds \$996,845 - SFY 2024 LOTICIP allotment of \$ 812,000 has been requested. Current Total funds \$1,808,84 Safe Streets for All Grant Status - Initial paperwork completed - with final approval anticipated in the next 30 days. RFP, once approval occurs, will be prepared and released to retain qualified firm to assist with the grant deliverables.
- Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP) - waiting on CONNDOT final determinations
- Long Range Transportation Plan - expect to go to public participation phase - with a vote in January

g. EDA Grant

- A one-year extension has now been granted. This will make approximately \$250,000 available to NECCOG for this work.

m. Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

- Work is underway to put the region back into compliance with FEMA -Cameron James NECCOG's new planner is leading this project

o. 2024 Legislative Session

- Anna Shugrue has been reaching out to each of you for issue ideas and/or needs to form our 2024 Legislative Agenda. Please make sure to share with her your ideas.

p. Other

- Work on our annual audit is well underway and on time
- New Website is underway with hopes of being completed in a few short months.

## 8. Discussion and Action Items

### a. Regional Referrals

- i. Town of Ashford - Amendments to Regulation Section 300-17 pursuant to PA 23-142- Family and Group Child Care Homes
- ii. Town of Plainfield - 23-10TA of the Planning and Zoning Commission: Removal of the 12-month moratorium from application 23-3ZC of the Town of Plainfield Planning and Zoning Commission for a moratorium on cannabis covering all uses as stated in Public Act No. 21-1 (Senate Bill No. 1201), An act concerning responsible and equitable regulation of adult-use cannabis
- iii. Town Plainfield - 23-9TA of the Planning and Zoning Commission requesting a Text Amendment to the Zoning Regulations, Sections 1 Definitions and 7 Residential Districts to comply with State Public Act PA23-142 pertaining to Family and Group Day Care Homes
- iv. Town of Sterling - Cannabis- Appendix C moved to Section 6.05 and Special Permit requirements removed.
- v. Town of Sterling - Accessory Apartments removed various requirements to become more consistent with Public Act 21-29

Motion to approve 1-5 made by Kevin Cunningham, second by Lincoln Cooper  
Passed Unanimously

**b. STIP Amendments/Actions**

- i. Project Number, 0111-0126, FA Code - TAP-Flex, Trail, Town of Pomfret, Air Line Trail Reconstruction, Phase - ROW, 2024 \$50,000 (\$40,00, Federal, \$10,000 - State), Change FAC from TAPR to TAP-Flex
- ii. Project Number, 0111-0126, FA Code - TAP-Flex, Trail, Town of Pomfret, Air Line Trail Reconstruction, Phase - FD, 2024 \$257,000 (\$214,00, Federal, \$53,000 - State), Change FAC from TAPR to TAP-Flex

Motion to approve 1-2 made by Kevin Cunningham, second by Lincoln Cooper  
Passed Unanimously

**c. NDDH Status**

- Negotiations are still in works

**d. RPIP Initiatives**

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

The Director is to set up future meeting for discussion.

**e. Roundtable**

- Land use Commissioner Basic Training Seminar- November 9,2023 Putnam Municipal Complex
- Public Sewer & Water Meeting- November 7, 2023 Killingly Town Hall

**5. Adjourn - 9:38** Motion made by Kevin Cunningham, second by Maureen Nicholson