



# NECCOG

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# Meeting Minutes

## May 2024 Regular Meeting

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May 24, 2024 - 9:00 am Canterbury Town Hall & ZOOM

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Representation from the following towns: Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Eastford, Hampton, Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Scotland, Union, Voluntown.

### 1. Open Meeting - 9:05 Maureen Nicholson, Chair

- a. Welcome remarks
- b. Previous Minutes approved
  - January Minutes approved motion made by Kevin Cunningham, second by Deb Richards.
- c. Public Participation -
  - Eversource - Egzon Balidemaj Q1 2024 Eversource Financial Results, [Presentation](#) . Please reach out for Community Investment Grants and for Fire training.

### 3. Executive Director's Report - John Filchak, Executive Director

- a. NECTD Services
  - Decrease in S&D ridership.
  - New Transit website to be launched soon.
- b. Animal Services Program
  - The Director showed the most recent number for investigations, adoptions etc.
  - Norwich & Killingly facility closed for 2 weeks due to Parvo outbreak. After the quarantine period a second round of Parvo ensued forcing Killingly to close for an additional 2 weeks.
  - The Director is reopening a case for further investigation involving Noah Caron - A Killingly resident, reported a dog bite inflicted by their neighbor's aggressive dog.
  - Continued struggles with roaming livestock. The Director is currently speaking with the Commissioner to address these issues and obtaining court specifically tailored to animal cases.
- c. Crumbling Foundations
  - 904 foundations remediated
  - The Director showed fees and costs with newly added funds added to program.

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- d. Paramedic Intercept Program
  - The Director showed the most recent service calls and transports.
- e. Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan
  - At the final stages, towns that have not participate will be able to do so at a later date.
- f. GIS Program Status
- g. Transportation Planning & Projects
  - The Director showed CTDOT Dashboard with all active projects. [LINK](#)
  - Safe Street for All- To be established minimum July 31, 2025 and a board to be setup not exceeding 12 members. An RFQ has been sent out with 1 response.
  - TAP application deadline is June 28, 2024.
  - [Active Transportation Micro-Grant Program](#)
  - NECCOG is to received a small stipend for the PROTECT Plan.
- h. 5310 Program
  - 1 application has been submitted.
- i. EDA Grant Status
  - Approval for Regional Recovery Plan for June Meeting.
- j. 2024 Legislative Session
  - Recent bills were presented.
- k. Regional Revaluation IV RFP
  - The Director presented information on program and background.
- l. Other
  - ADA Title II Requirements for help establishing new guidelines and improvements, reach out to the Director. [LINK](#)
  - 2023 CT Tax Incidence Study- Tax Years- If interested contact the Director.
  - [Certified Connecticut Munich. Official Program](#)

#### 4. Presentation - NDDH Update - Jim Vannoy, NDDH Interim Executive Director

- Focusing on retaining employees and trying to recruit for inspection positions, currently staffing 4 people.
- The Interim Executive Director's last day in office will be July 11, 2024.

#### 5. Discussion and Action Items

##### a. NECCOG and NECTD Annual Audit Report Consideration and Action

Motion to approve made by Kevin Cunningham, second by Barney Seney.

##### b. NECCOG 2024-25 Work Plan and Budget Discussion

- [Link Connection](#)

Motion to approve with the change of dollar amount to plan made by Barney Seney, second by Kevin Cunningham.

##### c. STIP Actions and Amendments

- I. Project #0474, WINDHAM- TD - SECTION 5311 OPERATING (DIAL A RIDE) , Phase, OTH 2024, \$253, (Fed \$126, State \$83)
- II. Project #0474, WINDHAM TD - SECTION 5311 OPERATING (FIXED ROUTE , Phase, OTH 2024, \$1820, (Fed \$910, State \$600)
- III. Project #0474, WINDHAM TD - SECTION 5311 OPERATING (JOB ACCESS), Phase, OTH 2024, \$602, (Fed \$301, State \$301)
- IV. Project #0474, WINDHAM TD - SECTION 5311 OPERATING (WILLIMANTIC-DANIELSON), Phase, OTH 2024, \$101,(Fed \$51, State \$51)
- V. Project #0476, KILLINGLY, NECT TD - SECTION 5311 CAPITAL, Phase, OTH 2024, \$25,(Fed \$20, State \$5)
- VI. Project #0474, WINDHAM, NECT TD - SECTION 5311 CAPITAL , Phase, OTH 2024, \$600,(Fed \$480, State \$120)

VII. Project #0170, VARIOUS, SECTION 5311 PROG ADJUST TO ACTUAL APPR, ADMIN & RTAP PROG, Phase, OTH 2024, \$824,(Fed \$824, State \$0)

Motion to approve made by Tracey Hanson, second by Barney Seney.

c. Regional Referrals

- i. Town of Putnam - **Text Amendments** for Zoning Regulations 412, 704, 714.
- ii. Town of Sprague - **Text Amendments** to section 8-3j & Public Acts 23-142
- iii. Town of Plainfield - **Text Amendments 24-ITA section 12.32, 9.35**

Motion to approve made by Barney Seney, second by Tracey Hanson.

d. Other Agenda Items (*requires 2/3 vote*)

4. **CEO Roundtable**

- 119-K Commission - program to help and aide students not on track to graduate and in need. Please reach out to Canterbury, Mr. Lippke for continued help and participation. [Link Connection](#)
- Voting costs to towns and possible aid.

5. **Executive Session** (2/3 Vote Required) - In accordance with CGS 1-210(24) for the purpose of discussing the pending Regional Paramedic Intercept RFP and contract award for which the public interest in the disclosure of such information is outweighed by the public interest in the confidentiality of such information.

Motion to enter into session Maureen Nicholson, motion to leave session made by Mary Calorio and second by Barney Seney.

6. **Adjourn- 11:00**

Motion to adjourn made by Barney Seney, second by Maureen Nicholson.