



# NECCOG

Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments

Ashford - Brooklyn - Canterbury - Chaplin - Eastford - Hampton - Killingly - Plainfield -  
Pomfret - Putnam - Scotland - Sterling - Thompson - Union - Voluntown - Woodstock

Results through Regionalism

## Meeting Minutes

# August 2024 Regular Meeting

August 23, 2024 - 9:00 am Canterbury Town Hall & ZOOM

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

### 1. Open Meeting - 9:03 Maureen Nicholson, Chair

- a. Welcome remarks
- b. Previous Minutes approved
  - Approval of the June minutes was motioned by Kevin Cunningham, seconded by Mary Calorio, with the amendment to correct the spelling of Kevin Cunningham's name.
- c. Public Participation -
  - Eversource - Jaquan Samuels [Electric Bill Discounts & Tax Credits](#)

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

- a. NECTD Services
  - Routes showing consistency and small growth.
- b. Animal Services Program
  - Shown were the inmost recent numbers for investigations, adoptions etc.
  - NECCOG has acquired approximately 103 animals from a criminal case in Woodstock.
  - T&R kittens in Groton, plans to set traps in Norwich.
- c. Crumbling Foundations
- d. Paramedic Intercept Program
  - Shown were the most recent service calls and transports..
- e. Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan
- f. GIS Program Status
  - GIS & CAMA data have been submitted to OPM. Parcel updates for the GL24 grand list will take place in early 2025.
  - Data for 2023 aerial imagery to be available this fall.
  - VertiGIS Studio to replace Neocortex as technical support is ending.

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- g. Regional Reval Program
- h. Regional Town Administrative Services
  - Finalizing job description and to retain a firm search.
- i. Transportation Planning & Projects
  - LOTCIP Projects - Plainfield in final design paper work, Putnam currently out for bid, Thompson submitted as a Community Investment.
  - PROTECT, The Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments will receive \$1.2 million to develop a Resilience Improvement Plan for the four northern, non-coastal regions of Connecticut encompassing 94 cities and towns and 1.6 million people.
  - Scope of Work is being reviewed by FHWA and a Kickoff meeting to be scheduled.
  - TRIP Program discussion 8/29/24.
  - Approved Applications for Micro Grant Program -Mary R. Fisher School –Thompson\$4,355 for bikes helmets and supplies, Union School-Union \$5,000 for helmets and supplies
- j. Safe Streets 4 All
  - Looking to have kick off meeting fall 2024.
- k. Town Planning Services
  - TAP Applications Submitted: Plainfield -Extend Moosup Valley Trail east to Rt 14 , Putnam -Extend River Trail south to Killingly as part of East Coast Greenway gap initiative.
- l. Land Use
  - Best Practices and Recommendations for Land Use, developed with input from a survey of 25 land use professionals, civil engineers, and licensed surveyors in the NECCOG region.
  - Housing Regulations Updates is a guide completed.
  - Woodstock POCD update meetings to be held 1st Thursday of the month.
- m. EDA Covid Recovery Grant Status
  - EDA Funding is almost exhausted.
- m. Other
  - Central Mass & Northeastern CT Region Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Comprehensive Climate Action Plan Process. (CCAP) - Workshops to be held early spring 2025, Technical Advisory Committee & Experts interviews.

#### **4. Discussion and Action Items**

- a. Presentation - New NDDH Director of Health, Luigi Sartori
  - The presentation introduced Luigi Sartori as the new Director of Health for NDDH. It included an overview of Sartori's background and qualifications, followed by a discussion of his goals and objectives. Sartori outlined his vision for enhancing public health services and fostering collaboration with local towns.
- b. Resolution 8-1-24, Confirming the Selection of Jim Rivers as NECCOG Executive Director
  - Motion to approve made by Maureen Nicholson second by Chris Lippke.
- c. Resolution 8-2-24, Fiscal Year 2024 Regional Services Grant and Authorization for the Executive Director to Execute and Deliver the Agreement on Behalf of NECCOG
  - Motion to approve made by Maureen Nicholson second by Lincoln Cooper.
- d. Resolution 8-3-24, 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
  - Motion to approve made by Maureen Nicholson second by Kevin Cunningham.

## e. STIP Actions and Amendments

Region	FACode	Proj#	Temp#	AQCd	Rte/Sys	Town	Description	Phase	Year	Tot\$(000)	Fed\$(000)	Sta\$(000)	Loc\$(000)	Comments	code for change
15	STPR	0068-0217		X6	CT 101	KILLINGLY	REPLACE BR 02599 of ALVIA CHASE RESERVOIR	FD	2024	600	480	120	0	INCREASE EST. FROM FED \$238K	04

Motion to approve made by Mary Calorio second by Kevin Cunningham.

## c. Regional Referrals

- i. Town of Plainfield - **Text Amendment** to Section 13.5 Sign Regulation.
- ii. Town of Ashford - **Text Amendment** to section 300-18 General Commercial Zone.

Motion to approve ii and table i made by Kevin Cunningham, second by Maureen Nicholson.

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

### 4. CEO Roundtable

- Contact information requested for:  
New Executive Director of NECCOG, Jim Rivers - [jim.rivers@neccog.org](mailto:jim.rivers@neccog.org)  
New NDDH Director of Health, Luigi Sartori - [LSartori@nddh.org](mailto:LSartori@nddh.org)

### 5. Adjourn- 10:57

Motion to adjourn made by Maureen Nicholson, second by Tracey Hanson.