



NECCOG

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Meeting Minutes

October 2024 Regular Meeting

October 25, 2024 - 9:00 am Putnam Town Hall & ZOOM

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

1. Open Meeting - 9:09 Maureen Nicholson, Chair

- a. Welcome remarks
- b. Previous Minutes approved
 - Motion made by Barney Seney, second by Juan Roman.
- c. Public Participation- Eversource - Jaquan Samuels [Electric Bill Discounts & Tax Credits](#)

2. Program Updates Report -

- a. GIS Program Status
 - CAMA Improvement Grant -Resolution to participate and accept \$ 193,600 in grant funds, action needs Board approval.
- b. Transportation Planning & Projects
 - The Active Transportation Microgrant Program will provide eligible organizations with up to \$5,000 in funding for resources that advance safe, accessible, sustainable, and equitable walking, biking and rolling in Connecticut, including to and from schools. This program works in conjunction with the CTDOT's Safe Routes to School Program and will be administered by regional Councils of Governments (COGs).
- c. PROTECT Grant
 - Scope of Work is being reviewed by FHWA and a Kickoff meeting to be scheduled. The plan will evaluate the risk and impacts of extreme weather events, natural hazards, including climate change, flooding, and other natural disaster..
- d. EDA Covid Recovery
 - CEDS Hubsite now live- [Link Connection](#)
 - Central Mass & Northeastern CT RegionClimate Pollution Reduction GrantComprehensive Climate Action Plan Process. (CCAP) - Survey - [Link Connection](#)

3. Director's Report ([Full Report](#))

- a. Animal Services
 - Two new supervisors hired with the addition to an administrative clerk. Two ACO's graduated training.
 - NECCOG has three major cases on-going, two from Woodstock and one from Eastford. The department hopes to have disposition from the courts in November for the largest case.
 - Both kennels require updates and expansion. The Director is actively collaborating with Syl Pauley to discuss potential plans and will continue exploring funding opportunities.
- b. Transit District
 - On October 10, 2024, NECCOG met with CTDOT's facilities team, led by Peter Montana, to review our facility's condition. Accompanied by about eight professionals, including engineers, architects, and transit experts from Jacobs and BL, they outlined the scope of an upcoming assessment. The evaluation will

address both interior and exterior conditions, aligning the facility with current Transit District needs, updated codes, and organizational growth since its construction.

c. Regional Town Administrator

- On October 3rd, a meeting took place with the Collins Center, consultant Mary to discuss next steps and develop a position profile. Mary followed up with individual meetings at our respective offices on October 9th.

ci. Regional Revaluation

- The bid review committee convened to evaluate the two bids and advance the process. Once finalized, it will be presented to the full Council for approval.

cii. Outreach

- Monthly appearances started on WINY on October 9th, 2024. Regular time will be first Fridays at 9am. Discussion and Action Items
- Met with KB Ambulance - Stephen Varga to review emergency services.
- Attended second CTCOG meeting in Hartford.

ciii. Other

- NECCOG Annual Meeting to be held at Black Dog- details to follow.

4. Discussion and Action Items

a. Resolution to Accept OPM Parcel and CAMA Grant

Motion to approve made by Barney Seney, second by Juan Roman

b. STIP Actions and Amendments (SEE ATTACHMENT)

i. REGS 3,15 RR AMD-ACT PACKAGE 10.04.2024

ii. REG 70 RR AMD-ACT PACKAGE 10.17.2024B

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

c. Regional Referrals (no regional impact - recommend block vote)

i. None for Consideration

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

5. CEO Rountable

- Discuss strategies to increase tourism funding in collaboration with local municipalities
- Review the new CT law on disability and tax abatement.

6. Adjourn- 10:04

Motion to adjourn made by Juan Roman, second by Barney Seney.