



MINUTES OF THE NHCOCG MEETING

02.07.2024

remote

Member/Representative Attendance:

✓	Barkhamsted , Nick Lukiwsky		Harwinton , Michael Criss	✓	Roxbury , Patrick Roy
✓	Burlington , Doug Thompson	✓	Kent , Marty Lindenmayer	✓	Salisbury , Curtis Rand
✓	Canaan , David Barger	✓	Litchfield , Denise Raap	✓	Sharon , Casey Flanagan
✓	Colebrook , Bradley Bremer	✓	Morris , Tom Weik	✓	Torrington , Elinor Carbone
✓	Cornwall , Gordon Ridgway	✓	New Hartford , Dan Jerram	✓	Warren , Greg LaCava
✓	Goshen , Todd Carusillo	✓	Norfolk , Matt Riiska		Washington , Jim Brinton
✓	Hartland , Magi Winslow	✓	North Canaan , Brian Ohler	✓	Winchester , Todd Arcelaschi

Others in Attendance:

NHCOG Staff: Sarah Better, Kathryn Faraci, Leo Ghio, Rista Malanca, Rob Phillips, Jean Speck.

Guests: Craig Babowicz, Bill Champagne, Kevin Tedesco - CONNDOT; Craig Whiting, North Canaan BoS; Emily Armstrong - Rep. Hayes' office; John Field, DEMHS; John Wardzala, Meg Haffner - The Kennedy Collective; Cathy Awwad – Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board.

Call to Order: called the meeting to order at 1001.

Public Comment:

Report of Executive Director:

- ED Activity Log – December
- Legislative Breakfast Recap – we had an excellent turnout with
- 5th Thursday Land Use Training Zoom – February 29th
- Road Supervisors Meeting – February 13th
- R5 REPT Full Board Meeting – February 26th
- Last Full Remote NHCOCG Meeting – March 14th
- FY23 Year End Audit Completion
- CEDS Timeline

Connect your Municipality to the CEN Network Through a Free Fiber Build Which Utilizes ARPA

Funds: Paul and Wendy from Connecticut Education Network (CEN) presented an overview on the services provided by CEN. Also provided information about their upcoming [CEN Member Conference](#)

RESOURCE REFERENCES: [click to open slide deck presented at meeting.](#)

MSW Subcommittee Update: Dan Jerram gave an update on the first meeting of the new subcommittee; discussion about next steps and the future beyond 2027 when MIRA dissolves. Rob Phillips reported that he investigated and confirmed with OPM that funding through the RSG.

MOTION by Todd/Matt to authorize the executive director to send a non-binding letter of intent expressing interest in the Torrington Transfer Station and requesting any existing environmental

data associated with the site, passed unanimously.

MOTION by Todd/Matt to authorize the executive director retain counsel to investigate drafting an ordinance, based on CGS 7-273, to create a regional resource recovery authority, passed unanimously.

DEMHS Update: John Field provided an update on LEOPs, Operation Migrant, reported that CERT grants are in the process of being increased.

Update from the Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board (NRWIB): Catherine Awwad presented an overview of their organization and services they provide.

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Transportation Planning:

MOTION by Denise Raap/Curtis Rand to approve STIP Amendments - New Projects to provide funding for Replacement of the Route 47 retaining wall between Moody Bridge Road E and School Street in Washington, and construction of additional retaining walls to facilitate widening of Route 47 to standard, replacing guiderail and minor roadway realignment. Approved unanimously

Administrative Items:

- a) **MOTION by Todd Carusillo/Patrick Roy to approve the amended 2024 NHCOG Regional Legislative Priorities**, approved unanimously.
- b) **MOTION by Tom/Patrick to approve NHCOG Local Dues for FY 24-25**,
- c) **MOTION by Todd Carusillo /Dave Barger to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for the January 11, 2024**, unanimously approved, 1 abstention.
- d) **MOTION by Curtis Rand/Todd Carusillo to approve the Financial Statements for December**, approved unanimously.

Open Discussion and Advisement for the Benefit of the NHCOG Membership:

Meeting adjourned at Doug/Denise @ 1136

Respectfully submitted,

NHCOG staff