



MINUTES OF THE NHCOC MEETING

04.04.2024

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:

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

Guests: Katie Hedberg, Olivia Rizzuto, Cathy Gross, Richard Natutuska - CONNDOT; John Field, DEMHS; Meg Haffner - The Kennedy Collective; State Representative Maria Horn.; Riley Klein; Ed Spinella; Sara Radasci; Joyce; Michelle Gora - COST; Sarah Allyn - Foundation for Community Health; Ellen Graham - Sen. Blumenthal’s office; Brian Bartram, Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station.

Call to Order: called the meeting to order at 1002.

Public Comment: none

Report of Executive Director:

UConn Safety Circuit Rider Program, Jason Hughes - UConn Training and Technical Assistance (T2) Center presented.

REFERENCE RESOURCES: [CTDOT Safety Circuit Rider Program slide deck](#)

Municipal ADA Compliance - Review of the 2022 Assessment Katherine Hedberg - CTDOT presented.

REFERENCE RESOURCES: [Municipality ADA Compliance Assessment Update slide deck](#)

Municipal Grant Services Overview Richard Nakatsuka - Transit Services, CTDOT presented.

REFERENCE RESOURCES: [MGP Overview slide deck](#)

Report of the NHCOC Legislative Committee Mike Criss provided an overview of the

2024 legislative session. Of note:

- SB-450 has died in committee;
- HB-5264: referred out to Public Safety Committee and likely will not be referred out.
- HB-5212, SB-5, SB-381, HB-5348, HB-5436, HB-5437,
- SB-328: Workers Comp
- HB-5515: Municipal Employment Retirement System
- Housing: Multiple housing bills include language that removes local control or “home rule” concept.
 - HB-5174, HB-5516, HB-5473, SB-6, HB-5474, HB-5475
- Planning & Development
 - HB-5056: shared services
 - HB-5173: legal notices
 - SB-226: increases sealed bid requirement to \$50k
 - SB-335: Short-term rentals
- Property Taxes
 - HB-5144, HB-5396
 - SB-149: increases threshold for sewer foreclosure/lien to \$4,000
- Public Safety
 - SB-179, SB-337, HB-5413:
 - SB-453: Noise violation monitoring by municipalities and allows municipalities to tax violators at a higher rate.
 - HB-5281: income tax credit for volunteer FF and EMS

MSW Update NHCOG Staff presented research regarding options to move forward. Discussion.

REFERENCE RESOURCES: [MSW slide deck](#)

DEMHS Update John Field, DEMHS R5Regional Coordinator was unable to attend the meeting but did submit a written report.

ACTION - STIP Amendments **MOTION by Doug Thompson/Todd Arcelaschi** To approve STIP Amendments - Project #0162-0159) - New Projects to provide funding for the replacement of bridge 01571 over east branch Naugatuck River. The preliminary engineering and ROW phases are being moved to a 2024 obligation with construction in 2026 due to \$2.7 million increase in federal funding. Approved unanimously.

Administrative Items:

MOTION by Curtis Rand/Greg Lacava: To approve the regular meeting minutes of the March 14, 2024 regular meeting as submitted. Approved unanimously.

MOTION by Mike Criss/Todd Carusillo- To approve the Monthly Financial Statement for February. Approved unanimously.

MOTION by Denise Raap/Tom Weik - to appoint Dave Barger, Mike Criss, and Todd Archelaschi as Board Representatives to the Litchfield County Dispatch (LCD) Board of Directors. Approved unanimously.

MOTION by Tom Weik/Mike Criss - To appoint Denise Raap, Gordon Ridgway, Todd Carusillo, Dan Jerram as the Nominating Committee for NHCOC Officers and Executive Committee for FY 2024-2025. Approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - MOTION by Todd Carusillo/Dave Barger - To enter into executive session at 12:04p for the purpose of potential regional contract agreements and include NHCOC staff. Approved unanimously.

The chair reported there was lengthy discussion about potential regional contract agreements.

MOTION by Dan Jerram/Todd Arcelaschi Expand MSW subcommittee by one member to include mayor Elinor Carbone. Approved unanimously.

MOTION by Dan Jerram/Curtis Rand Define a critical path of steps the NHCOC needs to take to acquire the Torrington Transfer Station as part of a regional waste authority. Approved unanimously.

Meeting Adjournment

MOTION by Todd Carusillo/Doug Thompson to adjourn meeting @ 1302.

Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

NHCOC staff

Next NHCOC Regular Monthly Meeting - Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 10AM via Zoom