



# MINUTES OF THE NHCOC MEETING

05.09.2024

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## Member/Representative Attendance:

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

### Others in Attendance:

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

**Guests:** Tim Waldron, Daniel Davis, Eversource; Kevin Tedesco - CONNDOT; Riley Klein, Lakeville Journal; John Field, DEMHS; John Wardzala, The Kennedy Collective; Ellen Graham, Sen. Blumenthal's office; members of the public.

**Call to Order:** called the meeting to order @ 1006.

**Public Comment:** none

**Report of the Executive Director.** Rob Phillips gave an overview of his written monthly report; welcomed new Winchester Town Manager Paul Harrington, Winchester's new Town Manager; FY23 year-end audit is close to completion.

### **Presentation of Draft FY24-25 NHCOC Budget and General Workplan for Preliminary Review.**

Rista Malanca and Rob Phillips provided a detailed overview of the new budget layout, history, and justification.

**MOTION by Elinor Carbone/Todd Carusillo - to schedule a special meeting to review the budget.** Approved unanimously.

**REFERENCE RESOURCES:** [DRAFT FY24-25 budget.](#)

**Community & Economic Development Update.** Written update provided in agenda package. Rista Malanca shared information on a four-year partnership with CT Main Street Center to develop a plan that will support vibrancy, sustainability and growth of Main Streets and Village Centers in all 21 towns. The board was briefed on the year-1 scope of work.

**MOTION by Elinor Carbone/David Barger- Approve the Scope of Work for CT Main Street Center for \$12,450.** Approved unanimously.

**REFERENCE RESOURCES:** [CT Main Street Center Partnership Year 1 Work Plan](#)

**STIP Amendments:** Kasey Faraci reported she just received notification of an additional project STIP amendment from the DOT and asked if it could also be approved at today's meeting.

**MOTION by Jim Brinton/Curtis Rand to add to the agenda STIP amendment for project #0174-0448 statewide replacement of traffic control signals** (2 in NHCOC are New Hartford and Winchester). Approved unanimously.

**MOTION by Jim Brinton/Curtis Rand to approve STIP Amendments for projects #0170-3731 (funding for the continuation of the statewide CT Rides Program utilizing Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funding), #0067-0123 (move funding from 2024 to 'outer year' for CON of a streetscape project for pedestrian improvements within Kent Village Center), and #0174-0448 (statewide replacement of traffic control signals).** Approved unanimously.

Rista reminded chair that Kasey Faraci recently sent out an email regarding the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding for the next 5-year solicitation, and encouraged members to reach out to [Kasey Faraci](#) if they are interested in submitting an application. (*note: since this meeting, the deadline has been extended to August 2<sup>nd</sup>*)

**REFERENCE RESOURCES:** [Transportation Alternative Program funding solicitation & FAQ.](#)

**Report of the NHCOC Legislative Committee,** Mike Criss noted the 2024 legislative session ended late last night and gave a brief overview of bills. Also noted there might be a special session.

**DEMHS Update,** John Field, DEMHS R5 provided a reminder of the Governor's 2024 EPPI is June 12<sup>th</sup>, which will exercise an elections scenario; multiple grants have deadlines approaching; reminder to submit your MOUs for the Homeland Security Program Grant to [Sarah Better](#).

**REFERENCE RESOURCES:** [DEMHS R5 May COG Report.](#)

#### **Administrative Items:**

**MOTION by Elinor Carbone/Matt Riiska to approve the April 4, 2024 meeting minutes as submitted.** Approved unanimously, with Paul Harrington abstaining.

**MOTION by Jim Brinton/Curtis Rand to approve the Monthly Financial Statement for March as submitted.** Approved unanimously.

**MOTION by Todd Carusillo/Matt Riiska to approve the recommended Regional Engineering Service Providers as submitted.** Approved unanimously.

**Recommendation for NHCOC Officers and Executive Committee for FY24-25, and floor nominations to be received.** The slate of Officers shall be approved at the June Annual Meeting per NHCOC Bylaws, Nominating Committee (Carusillo, Jerram, Raap, Ridgeway). No report.

**Correspondence** - Torrington Urban Forestry Equity Grant - NHCOC Support Letter (*Attachment G*)

**MOTION by Curtis Rand/Denise Raap to approve sending letter of support.** Approved unanimously.

**Correspondence** - Winsted Housing and Advanced Makerspace - Community Investment Fund - NHCOC Support Letter.

**MOTION by Dave Barger/Denise Raap to approve sending a letter of support.** Approved unanimously.

Curis Rand reminded towns under the authority of the MIRA Dissolution Authority (MDA) to ensure town administrations are lined up to at least continue to support looking at a public solution for the transition of the Torrington Transfer Station currently under the authority of the MDA.

**MOTION by Paul Harrington/Todd Carusillo to adjourn the meeting @ 1136.** Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*NHCOG staff*

**Next NHCOG Regular Monthly Meeting - Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 10AM**