



MINUTES OF THE NHCOCG MEETING

07.11.2024
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 , Paul Harrington

Others in Attendance.

NHCOCG Staff: Sarah Better, Kathryn Faraci, Leo Ghio, Rista Malanca, Rob Phillips, Jean Speck; John-Henry Burke, Sustainable CT Fellow.

Guests: Mike Muszynski, CCM; Rachel Gonzales, America250 | CT; Reymond Drew & Linda Orr, Torrington; Riley Klein, Lakeville Journal; Theresa Christenson, Town of Harwinton; Tiffany Carlson & Jennifer Heaton-Jones, HRRRA; Tim Waldron & Daniel Davis, Eversource; Katherine Kiefer; Gavin Marr; Ellen Graham, Sen. Blumenthal’s office; William McClellan, SDR; Brian Bartram, Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station, other unidentified participants. Jen Pacacha, CONNDOT; Meg Haffner, The Kennedy Collective;

Call to Order and opportunity for public comment. Chair Dan Jerram called the meeting to order at 1003 and offered the opportunity for public comment. No public comment was offered.

Report of the Executive Director. Executive Director Rob Phillips provided information on ongoing work and initiatives from his written report and recap of yesterday’s Road Supervisors meeting.

Overview of the America 250 | CT Commission & plans for the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in Connecticut.

Rachel Gonzalez presented information on the upcoming programming and celebrations. (presentation is at 00:08:19 in meeting recording)

REFERENCE RESOURCE: CT250.ORG

NorthwestCT EDC Collaborative FY24/25 Work Plan update and focus groups.

Rista Malanca provided an update on the ECD work plan tasks and how to get involved.

FY25 RITS Budget Submission and STIP Amendments.

Kathryn Faraci gave an update on our submitted FY25 MGP application for \$146,988 to fund the three transportation providers (NWCT Transit District, Geer, Sullivan Center) to support continuous operations. She also shared that NHCOCG

has received DOT approval for use of \$52,000 of our planning funds to conduct a transit analysis study, pending FTA approval. Also clarified the draft CTDOT 2025-2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) was on the agenda to meet the public participation review requirement and no action was needed.

MOTION Denise Raap/Todd Carusillo For Project 0073-0194, approve the project to replace Bridge 02231 over Still Brook US 202 in Litchfield.

Approved unanimously.

MOTION by Jim Brinton/Brian Ohler for Project 0097-0095 approve the project for the replacement of retaining walls on US 44 in Norfolk. Approved unanimously.

MOTION by Doug Thompson/Todd Carusillo for Project 0143-0196, approve project to construct a shared path along and under S.R. 800 Winsted Road in Torrington. Approved unanimously.

Annual Report of the Rural Health Resources Director. Leo Ghio presented the Northwest Hills Community Health Network of CT Annual Report on year 1 initiatives and deliverables and shared a quality measures dashboard on data collected on Adverse Childhood Experiences Screenings (ACES) report and improvements accessing adolescent mental health during the last year.

SDR Services for disaster debris removal primer, FEMA reimbursements, emergency/exigent contracts. SDR presented on their debris management and consulting services available to members.

REFERENCE RESOURCE: [slide presentation](#)

DEMHS update. Regional Coordinator John Field submitted a written report.

REFERENCE RESOURCE: [written report](#)

Administrative Items.

MOTION by Patrick Roy/Jim Brinton to approve the June 13th meeting minutes for June 13th, 2024. Doug Thompson abstained, approved unanimously.

MOTION by Dave Barger/Patrick Roy - to approve Monthly Financial Statement for May. Approved unanimously.

Correspondence - Letter of support for American Mural Project's application to the Community Investment Fund (CIF).

Correspondence - Letter of support for EdAdvance's application to the Community Investment Fund (CIF) Capital Projects - Round 5 for completion of Manufacturing and Makerspaces at the Regional Learning Center in Torrington.

Correspondence - Letter of support for EdAdvance's application to the Career Z Challenge for the expansion of Work-Based Learning opportunities and experiences for Gen Z in rural NW CT.

Potential partnership of NHCOC member municipalities with HRRRA for MSW and recycling services.

HRRRA Executive Director Jennifer Heaton-Jones presented information on the structure of HRRRA's region and partners, flow of materials, and hauler registration fees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION for the purpose of discussion of MSW contracts.

MOTION by to enter executive session to discuss contract issues, and include NHCOG staff, Jen Heaton-Jones & Tiffany Carlson from HRRRA, Brian Bartram from Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station, Ray Drew from City of Torrington. Approved unanimously.

Exited executive session at 1243.

MOTION by Denise Raap/Patrick Roy to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned by chair @ 1244.

Respectfully submitted,

NHCOG staff