

MINUTES OF THE 6/21/17 MEETING OF THE  
SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
SCCOG OFFICE, NORWICH, CT

PRESENT: Council Representatives: Glenn Pianka, Bozrah; Art Shilosky, Colchester; Mark Nickerson, East Lyme; Kevin Skulczyck, Griswold; Keith Hedrick, City of Groton; Fred Allyn, III, Ledyard; Ron McDaniel, Montville; Michael Passero, New London; Deb Hinchey, Norwich; Bob Congdon, Preston; Cathy Osten, Sprague; Rob Simmons, Town of Stonington; Dan Steward, Waterford. Council Alternates: Mark Oefinger, Town of Groton; John Salomone, Norwich; Jim Rivers, Windham. Military Liaison: Mark Schultz, US Naval SUBASE. Affiliate Members: Robert Hayward, Mashantucket Tribal Council. Staff: Richard Guggenheim, Stephanie Molden. Other: Grayson Wright, CTDOT; Ayanti Grant, Congressman Courtney's office; Nancy Cowser, seCTer, Michael Carroll, Al Fritzsche, Ginger Morse, SEAT; Tom Kasprzak, Eversource; Deb Monahan, TVCCA; Merrill Gerber, Preston; Jen Granger, UCFS, Tammy Daugherty, New London; one reporter.

1. Call to Order: The called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. Roll Call: A quorum was present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance: The Chairman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Act on Minutes 5/24/17:

MOTION: To approve the minutes of 5/24/17 (Osten, Steward). So voted unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report:

MOTION: To approve the June Treasurer's Report (Congdon, Shilosky). So voted unanimously.

6. Public Comment:

None.

7. Communications:

None.

8. Guest Speaker:

Will Knierim, Integrated Refugee and Immigration Services (IRIS). Mr. Knierim made a brief presentation about the activities of his organization. He noted that the primary mission of the organization is the resettlement of refugees. He noted that refugees are carefully vetted and the vetting process can take 1-5 years. He displayed a map showing over 50 groups actively settling families throughout the state including families in East Lyme, Ledyard, Norwich and New London.

9. Committee and Liaison Reports:

A. Executive Committee

1. FY 2016-2017 Budget Adjustments

MOTION: To approve the proposed FY 2016-2017 budget adjustments as recommended by staff (Congdon, Hinchey). So voted unanimously.

2. LOTCIP (Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program) Project

MOTION: That the COG recommend to CTDOT the inclusion of the New London Jefferson Avenue construction project (\$2,509,723) and the Sprague Main Street sidewalk project (\$505,000) for LOTCIP funding (Nickerson, Oefinger). So voted unanimously.

3. Resolution No. 17-4, Adopting the FY 2018-2021 State and Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

MOTION: To approve Resolution No. 17-4, Adopting the FY 2018-2021 State and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (Congdon, Osten). So voted unanimously.

4. Resolution No. 17-5, Conformity with Clean Air Act Ozone.

MOTION: To approve Resolution No. 17-5, Conformity with Clean Air Act Ozone (Osten, Skulczyck). So voted unanimously.

5. Resolution No. 17-6, Annual Urban Planning Certification

MOTION: To approve Resolution No. 17-6, Annual Urban Planning Certification (Steward, Osten). So voted unanimously.

6. Resolution No. 17-7, Regarding Endorsement of CTDOT State of Good Repair (SGR) Performance Targets.

MOTION: Approve Resolution 17-7, Regarding Endorsement of CTDOT State of Good Repair (SGR) Performance Targets (Steward, Congdon). So voted unanimously.

B. Legislative Committee/Legislative Update

Senator Osten reported that a special legislative session will begin next week. She said her goal will be to get an adopted, signed budget by July 1, 2017.

There was a brief discussion about operating under a continuing resolution in the event there is no budget agreement. Ms. Osten reported that under such conditions (no budget), the Governor will act through Executive Order. Mr. Simmons raised questions about this practice.

### C. Tribal Liaison Representatives

Mr. Hayward thanked everyone for the bi-partisan effort on behalf of the Tribes in supporting the development of a third casino.

### D. Military Command Representative

Mr. Schultz, representing CAPT Whitescarver, reported that the next meeting of the Joint Land Use Study Committee will be on August 2, 2017. He also reported that the Port Authority is going to fund the new Groton boat ramp.

The Chairman acknowledged the celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Midway and the designation of the region as a Great American Defense Community.

Coast Guard: No report.

### E. Congressional Offices Report. No Report

### F. seCTer

Ms. Cowser thanked everyone for their help and support with respect to the CEDS.

### G. Eastern CT Tourism District

Mr. Simmons reported on a recent meeting he was unable to attend pertaining to the future of tourism in the state.

### H. SEAT

Mr. Carroll reported the following: (1) There will be no SEAT service on the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday and (2) SEAT will be re-arranging service in New London to better accommodate Sailfest, July 7-9.

### I. SCCOG Regional Water Committee

Mr. Congdon reported that the WUCC process is moving forward and is moving more smoothly than the first time it was conducted. He also reported on a \$20,000,000 award by the CT Department of Health that will support various projects in the region. Finally he reported that the Waste Water Treatment Planning Process is getting started.

### J. Regional Emergency Planning Team. No Report.

### K. Regional Human Services Coordinating Council

The Chairman reported that there had not yet been a meeting. Ms. Monahan also added that many TVCCA programs will, potentially, be adversely affected by the proposed funding cutbacks.

10. Executive Director's Report

In Mr. Butler's absence, Mr. Guggenheim reported that Mr. Butler's report spoke for itself.

11. Old Business

None.

12. New Business

A. FY 2015 TIP/STIP Amendments

- STPR, 0101-0117, CT 49, No. Stonington, Replace BR 02967 over Wyassup Brook, PD, 2017, \$300,000, New Project.
- STPR, 0101-0117, CT 49, No. Stonington, Replace BR 02967 over Wyassup Brook, ROW, FYI, \$50,000, New Project.
- STPR, 0101-0117, CT 49, No. Stonington, Replace BR 02967 over Wyassup Brook, FD, FYI, \$300,000, New Project.
- STPR, 0101-0117, CT 49, No. Stonington, Replace BR 02967 over Wyassup Brook, CON, FYI, \$1,500,000, New Project.

MOTION: To recommend approval of the proposed FY 2015 STIP/TIP amendments (Osten, Hinchey). So voted unanimously.

13. Next Meeting: The next meeting is July 19, 2017.

14. Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:02 a.m. (Nickerson, Osten). So voted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Nickerson, Secretary