

MINUTES OF THE 8/23/17 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
SCCOG OFFICE, NORWICH, CT

PRESENT: Council Representatives: Art Shilosky, Colchester; Mark Nickerson, East Lyme; Kevin Skulczyck, Griswold; Keith Hedrick, City of Groton; Fred Allyn, Ledyard; Tom Sparkman, Lisbon; Ron McDaniel, Montville; Michael Passero, New London; Deb Hinchey, Norwich; Bob Congdon, Preston; Jeff Callahan, Borough of Stonington; Rob Simmons, Town of Stonington. Council Alternates: John Salomone, Norwich; Jim Rivers, Windham. Tribal Liaison: Robert Hayward, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation. Military Liaison: Mark Schultz, SUBASE; LT Tony Gregg, USCGA. Staff: James Butler, Amanda Kennedy, Kate Rattan. Other: Grayson Wright, Kerry Ross CTDOT; Emily Boushee, Senator Murphy's office; Catherine Young, CT Airport Authority; Randy Collins, CCM; Nancy Cowser, seCTer; Ed Monahan, SCWA; Merrill Gerber, Preston; Lori Mathieu, Linda Ferraro, CT DPH.

1. Call to Order: The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:32 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 7/19/17:

MOTION: To approve the minutes of 7/19/17 (Hinchey, Sparkman). So voted unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report:

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

6. Public Comment:

Catherine Young stated that the CT Airport Authority would be hosting an open house at the Windham Airport.

7. Guest Speaker: Lori Mathieu, CT Department of Public Health

Ms. Mathieu introduced herself and thanked the SCCOG for the opportunity to provide a presentation on the draft State Water Plan. She noted her previous experience in working on water issues in southeastern Connecticut. She then gave a Power Point presentation on the draft State Water Plan. Ms. Mathieu generated discussion among the COG, asking members what was there number one issue regarding water. Responses included storm water management regulations and red

tape; small water systems and their sustainability; the taste and quality of the water; state regulations that inhibit water hookups when mains are extended through conservation areas as designated on the State Plan of C&D. Ms. Mathieu then addressed why we have a State Water Plan; the seven items that statutes required the State Water Plan to address; the stakeholder workshops and public input that went in to drafting the plan; what we have learned, including that Connecticut has high quality water, but that it is not always where we need it; the need to balance environmental and health needs; the contents of the Plan which is 600 pages long; and how to provide feedback on the draft Plan, which is due by November 28<sup>th</sup>.

In response to a request by Mr. Congdon, Ms. Mathieu then addressed two projects planned for in southeastern Connecticut, and to which CT DPH will be providing funds. She said that CT DPH is providing a state subsidy to two projects in the region: \$15 Million of a \$54 Million water line extension that Groton Utilities is working on with Ledyard and the SCWA, and \$5 Million towards a an \$18 Million loan to fund a Norwich Public Utilities interconnection to Sprague.

#### 8. Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director reported that the SCCOG auditors should beginning their work soon; that the Assistant Secretary of State had sent an email thanking the State's Regional Election Monitors; and that an email had been received from Waterford Finance Board member Bill Sheehan suggesting that the SCCOG participate in a study he is proposing which would evaluate the possibility of Dominion closing the Millstone nuclear plant.

#### 9. Old Business

There was a brief discussion by members of the fact that the State had not yet adopted a budget.

#### 10. New Business

##### A. FY 2015 TIP/STIP Amendment

- 0414-0062, SEAT – Replacement Buses, FY 15, \$6,230,000, Move From FFY 16 to FFY 17, Increase Est. from FED \$2.4M

MOTION: To approve of the FY 2015 TIP/STIP amendment (Sparkman, Nickerson). So voted unanimously.

11. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup>.

12. Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:34 a.m. (Skulczyck, Hinchey). So voted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mark Nickerson, Secretary