

MINUTES OF THE 2/6/17  
SCCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
SCCOG Office, Norwich, CT

Present: Ron McDaniel, Marian Galbraith, Deb Hinchey, Mike Finkelstein, Art Shilosky  
Staff: James Butler

Chairman McDaniel opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

1. seCTer Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

The Executive Director reported that he had sent the link to this draft document to the Executive Committee. He said that seCTer Executive Director has asked to present the document to the SCCOG at the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, and will ask the SCCOG to approve of it at that time. The Executive Committee agreed to this presentation at the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

2. Regional Plan of Conservation and Development Schedule

The Executive Director went over the planned schedule of four public meetings in February, a presentation to the SCCOG at the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, a public hearing in March, and possible adoption by the SCCOG in either April or May. He said a link to this draft document has been emailed to all SCCOG members, municipal planners, and is being widely disseminated for public review.

3. Requests to Address SCCOG

The Executive Committee agreed to requests to address the SCCOG: Kevin Hennessy of Dominion regarding a bill proposed by Senator Formica regarding the sale of electricity by Dominion (February 15); and Rose Bove of CT Office of Tourism about that office's programs and services to towns (March 15).

4. Update on CT DPH Commissioner's Plan to Consolidate Health Districts

The Executive Committee reviewed and discussed the most recent iteration of Commissioner Pino's proposed bill that would consolidate health districts to create one district in each COG region, and that would mandate membership by towns in those districts. The Executive Committee reiterated the SCCOG's opposition to this proposal, and members present said they did not think the Commissioner's proposal would be enacted. The Executive Director said he was meeting on Wednesday with the Directors of the Ledge Light and Uncas Health Districts concerning this proposal, and that he would continue to keep the SCCOG informed.

5. 2015 TIP/STIP Amendments

MOTION: To recommend to the full COG the approval of the proposed 2015 TIP/STIP amendments (Galbraith, Hinchey). So voted unanimously.

## 6. Other

The Executive Committee discussed the fact that Mr. Oefinger had announced his retirement as Groton Town Manager, and that once he leaves that position he will no longer be a member of the SCCOG and the Executive Committee. The Executive Director noted that he had received a telephone call from SCCOG Nominating Committee Chairman Tom Sparkman concerning a possible Bylaws amendment that would no longer require the second Representative-at-Large to the Executive Committee to be a professional town/city manager. The Executive Committee discussed this suggestion without acting on it, and instead asked the Executive Director to reach out to Windham Town Manager Neal Beets to see if he would be interested in filling the remainder of Mr. Oefinger's term once he left the SCCOG.

The Executive Committee briefly discussed the recently released CCM report on services sharing and revenue diversification. The Executive Director reported that he had begun the solicitation of consultants to prepare a shared services study for the SCCOG, using an RPIP grant from OPM.

## 7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James S. Butler, Executive Director