

MINUTES OF THE 3/6/17
SCCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
SCCOG Office, Norwich, CT

Present: Ron McDaniel, Marian Galbraith, Deb Hinchey, Art Shilosky, Mark Oefinger
Staff: James Butler

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

1. seCTer's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

The Executive Committee heard from the Executive Director how seCTer Executive Director Nancy Cowser has addressed comments on the draft CEDS made at the last COG meeting. He said the explanation was addressed in letters written by Ms. Cowser, explaining how gaming employment is counted in the CEDS, and how seCTer proposed to address this issue raised by Chuck Bunnell of the Mohegan Tribe.

MOTION: To recommend to the full COG the approval of the proposed 2017 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (Galbraith, Oefinger). So voted unanimously.

2. Possible SCCOG Bylaws Revision

The Executive Committee discussed with the Executive Director the bylaw that requires one of the seats on the SCCOG Executive Committee be reserved for one of the region's three professional managers. With the impending retirements of Groton Town Manager Mark Oefinger and Windham Town Manager Neal Beets, there may be a period of time where this requirement is difficult to meet. Nominating Committee Chairman Tom Sparkman has suggested a revision to the Bylaws making the seating of a manager on the Executive Committee an option rather than a mandate. The Executive Committee discussed the proposal, and asked that the proposed language be adjusted so that it states that a manager shall be one of the Representatives-at-Large on the Executive Committee, when there is a manager available and willing to serve.

3. Request to Address SCCOG re: CRCOG Services

The Executive Committee agreed to schedule CRCOG staff to address the COG at the April 19th meeting concerning services that CRCOG provides that our municipalities might be interested in.

4. Regional Plan of Conservation and Development

The Executive Director discussed the draft Regional Plan of Conservation and Development and the ongoing public outreach process. The Executive Committee agreed to allow SCCOG staff to make a presentation on the RPOCD at the March 15th COG meeting.

5. Proposed Legislation Impacting COGs

The Executive Committee heard from the Executive Director summaries of bills impacting the COG including RB No. 7138, An Act Concerning Oversight of Major Transportation Projects and Planning; RB No. 7170, An Act Concerning the Department of public Health's Recommendations Regarding the Integration of Municipal Health Departments into Regional Health Districts; Bill No. 6919, An Act Concerning the Allocation of State Grants-In-Aid and Regional Performance Incentive Program Funds; and Bill No. 6920, An Act Concerning the Furtherance of Regionalism.

6. Other

The Executive Committee discussed with the Executive Director both ongoing and upcoming consultant to the COG studies including the consultant procurement process. Ms. Hinchey, Mr. Oefinger, and Mr. Shilosky all agreed to serve on a panel to select a consultant for the upcoming Shared Services Study. Ms. Galbraith and Mr. McDaniel agreed to serve on a selection panel for the Regional Human Services Shared Services Study.

The Executive Committee agreed to schedule Keith Chapman to address the COG at the April 19th meeting regarding a series of training courses for municipal officials he is proposing.

The Executive Committee agreed to invite CCM and the vendor Street Scan to present information on a pavement inspection program and services at a lunch and learn session at the SCCOG office.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James S. Butler, Executive Director