

**NOTES FROM THE OCTOBER 22, 2018 MEETING  
OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Members Present:** Calvert (Franklin); Giroux (Lisbon); Kunkemoeller (City of Groton); Malozzi (Lebanon); Pritchard (Town of Groton); Sharron (Norwich); Stockton-Sabrowski (Preston)

**Others Present:** Justin LaFountain (SCCOG Staff); Kate Rattan (SCCOG Staff); Jason Vincent (Stonington planner)

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Giroux called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

A quorum was not present.

3. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A quorum was not present. No action was taken.

4. Regional Bike and Pedestrian Plan Update and Discussion

Kate Rattan, SCCOG Transportation Planner, gave a brief presentation regarding the currently ongoing development of the Regional Bike and Pedestrian Plan. Rattan stated that this is the first bike and pedestrian plan to be produced at the regional level in Southeastern CT. The presentation noted the surveys which have been distributed to residents of the towns, and showed that currently, about 0.5% of residents of the region have participated. The survey will continue and be available for the duration of the project.

The final report is expected to be completed in summer of 2019. The plan will outline strategies to enhance bike-ability and walkability, and note the areas in which certain techniques can be best utilized. A brief discussion between the commissioners followed the presentation.

5. Proposed SCCOG Commissioner Training Discussion

Justin LaFountain, Planner II, gave a presentation regarding potential local commissioner training. SCCOG is working on training workshops to provide introductory training to new commission members. LaFountain had prepared a rough draft of a training program, which he briefly ran through and asked for feedback from commissioners. The commissioners gave numerous ideas and suggestions on how to improve the program, and additional items to include.

LaFountain stated that the program is currently in the early stages of preparation, and suggested that if any commissioners have additional ideas to let him know. He thanked the commissioners for their input.

6. Updates from Commissioners on Current Local Municipal Activities

A brief discussion was had amongst the commissioners regarding the desire for an item of this type to stay on the agenda, in addition to possible other items to coincide with large projects occurring in the region (state hospital, Electric Boat hiring and associated housing, etc.). Commissioner Kunkemoeller stated that EB is hiring and new jobs will be in Groton, as well as in Rhode Island.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Justin LaFountain, CZEO

Planner II, SCCOG