



SECHA Board of Directors Meeting
May 11th, 2018
8:30 AM
Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments
5 Connecticut Ave, Norwich, CT

In attendance: Norton Wheeler (Chair), Les King, John Bolduc (Secretary), Mark Oefinger (Vice-Chair), Bob Fusari, Pam Days-Luketich, Michael Sheahan, David Stanland, Ginny Sampietro, Deborah Monahan, Susy Hurlbert, Jim Butler (Treasurer), Amanda Kennedy, Carly Myers

1. Call to Order

Norton Wheeler called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

2. Approval of April 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Members voted to approve the minutes of the April 6 meeting without changes.

3. Financial Report/Fundraising

SECHA received two grants supporting 2018 outreach: one for \$9,000 from the Community Foundation of Eastern CT and one for \$2,000 from the Chelsea Groton Foundation. SCCOG staff is pursuing additional financial opportunities including Dime Bank Foundation and Liberty Bank Foundation. A new format for the financial report was introduced to better document relevant information.

4. Amendment of Bylaws

Proposed bylaws were presented that would make the following changes:

- Clarifies terminology of leadership positions: the Chairperson shall also act as President of the Corporation
- Removes term limits for leadership positions
- Eliminates section regarding roles of Executive Director

The amended bylaws were unanimously approved.

5. Election/Re-election of Members

A motion was made to elect the following members to leadership positions: Norton Wheeler, Chairperson; Pam Days-Luketich, Vice-Chairperson; John Bolduc, Secretary; Jim Butler, Treasurer. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

6. Next Steps- 2018 Housing Needs Assessment

SECHA members will present the 2018 report findings and recommendations to various group. SCCOG staff will accompany the first few meetings. SCCOG will hold a lunch session with the region's municipal planners to present the results of the study and brief them on follow-on activities.

7. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 11th at 8:30 a.m.

8. New Business

SCCOG will apply for funding from the Department of Defense to support a study and plan for expansion of housing and transportation infrastructure to support the expanded hiring and activity at Electric Boat and SUBASE New London that is expected to ramp up considerably in the next decade. There was a brief discussion of SECHA's role in the project. One possibility is that SECHA revise the 2018 report with the new information once it is available.

A bill is being considered in the legislature that would tax partially-constructed homes.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.