

MINUTES OF THE 4 FEBRUARY 2019
SCCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
SCCOG Office, Norwich, CT

Present: Tom Sparkman, Michael Passero, Art Shilosky, Mark Nickerson, Fred Allyn III
Staff: James Butler
Other: Carey Redd, New London Parking Authority Director

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

1. New London Request for SCCOG Support of Grant Application for Parking Garage

Mr. Redd and Mr. Passero outlined New London's intent to apply for a TIGER grant, in the amount of \$15 Million, to expand the City owned parking garage by 400 parking spaces. The expansion recognizes the demand that the planned National Coast Guard Museum will have on parking; the State's \$18 Million commitment to fund a pedestrian bridge from the garage to the Museum will be used as the local match for this grant.

MOTION: To recommend to the full SCCOG that a letter from the SCCOG be provided in support of New London's TIGER grant application (Nickerson, Shilosky). So voted unanimously.

2. New London Request to have Cathy Zall and Jeannie Millstein Address SCCOG re: Regional Homeless Hospitality Center

Mr. Passero provided an update on what has been happening at the Homeless Hospitality Center in New London, and said he felt that it would be useful to SCCOG members to hear a presentation from Center Director Zall and New London Human Services Director Millstein. The Executive Committee scheduled Ms. Zall and Ms. Millstein to address the SCCOG at the February 20th SCCOG meeting.

3. Human Services Shares Services Study Update

The Executive Director reported on an email and subsequent telephone conversation with the new managing partner of IES, which appeared to put an end to the contract disagreement that was occurring with the former managing partner. However, he said he received an email this weekend from RHSCC Co-Chair Deb Monahan that stated she had been contacted by IES staff looking to meet with RHSCC leadership, and that SCCOG staff had heard from United Way 2-1-1 staff about inaccuracies and incomplete information about 2-1-1 in the report. The Executive Director stated that the contact with RHSCC co-chairs without any knowledge of SCCOG staff was totally inappropriate, and that he planned to call the new managing partner to discuss both issues.

4. JLUS Implementation Project

The Executive Director reported on the kickoff public meeting held at the Groton Public Library last week.

5. Draft FY 2019-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Copies of the draft plan were distributed to the members of the Executive Committee, which also functions as the SCCOG Transportation Committee. The Executive Director stated that staff was awaiting CTDOT's air quality analysis of the plan before beginning the 30 day public comment period and scheduling a public hearing date. He said he believes the analysis should be completed soon so that the SCCOG might act on the plan at their March 20th meeting.

6. Other

The Executive Director reported on a telephone conversation with Chamber of Eastern CT President Tony Sheridan regarding the Chamber addressing the SCCOG. The Executive Committee scheduled Chamber Assistant President Angela Ljubicic to make a presentation at the March 20th meeting.

The Executive Director reported on a draft scope of work he had received from a consulting firm which has contracted with CTDOT to prepare regional transportation safety plans or the state's COGs. He mentioned several questions and concerns which SCCOG staff was raising with the consultant. He said he would keep the Executive Committee informed about this potential project.

The Executive Director stated that he had received a memo from State Comptroller Kevin Lembo noticing a planned increase in employer contributions to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) over the next four years.

The Executive Director read from an email from Colchester Assessor John Chaponis concerning two bills of possible interest to SCCOG member municipalities. The Executive Committee, in its role as the SCCOG's Legislative Committee this year, asked staff to arrange a meeting at the LOB with the southeastern delegation after the Governor delivers his budget (late February/early March).

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James S. Butler, Executive Director