

MINUTES OF THE 6 NOVEMBER 2019  
SCCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
SCCOG Office, Norwich, CT

Present: Tom Sparkman, Fred Allyn III  
Via Teleconference: Mark Nickerson, Michael Passero  
Staff: James Butler

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

1. FY 2018 STIP/TIP Amendments

MOTION: To recommend approval of the FY 2018 STIP/TIP Amendments (Passero, Nickerson)  
So voted unanimously.

2. Activate Nominating Committee

The Chairman requested a motion to activate the Nominating Committee consisting of Tom Sparkman, Kevin Lyden, and Ron McDaniel).

MOTION: To activate the Nominating Committee (Passero, Allyn). So voted unanimously.

3. Other

The Executive Director updated the Executive Committee the SCCOG's employee health insurance plan renewal. The previous health insurance provider (ConnectiCare) had quoted the SCCOG an 18.4% increase in rates, so working with the SCCOG insurance agent and staff, the increase in cost to the SCCOG was reduced to 6.3% by switching providers to BC/BS, resulting in a reduction of cost in the BC/BS dental plan, and having the employees pay 100% of a BC/BS vision plan (vision previously provided under the former ConnectiCare plan).

The Executive Director stated he would place appointments to the SCCOG Legislative Committee on the agenda for the November 20<sup>th</sup> SCCOG meeting.

The Executive Director informed the Executive Committee that staff had been contacted by USEPA Region I, asking staff to nominate one brownfield site in the region for assessment work, to be conducted by EPA, under their Targeted Brownfield Assessments Program. EPA is looking to spend about \$100,000 per site, and there is no match required. He referred to a memo from SCCOG Planner Sam Alexander, who he said did a good job in evaluating the five sites that were subject of an application to EPA for an Area-Wide Brownfields Assessment Grant in January 2019 that was not funded, as these would be logical sites for consideration of an assessment at this time according to EPA. Based on a number of criteria, including future reuse, staff believes the Textile Prints property at 99 River Road in Lisbon would be the best candidate site to nominate. The Executive Director said that EPA had originally requested SCCOG's nomination by the end of October, but staff had asked them for additional time to allow this to be discussed with the Executive Committee. He asked if anyone on the Executive Committee would

object to staff nominating the Textile Prints site in Lisbon for this assessment by EPA. There were no objections.

#### 4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James S. Butler, Executive Director