

MEETING NOTES OF 3/25/20 TELECONFERENCE OF THE
SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

PRESENT: Council Representatives: Carl Zorn, Bozrah; Mary Bylone, Colchester; Mark Nickerson, East Lyme; Todd Babbitt, Griswold; Timothy Sharkey, Jewett City; Fred Allyn, III, Ledyard; Tom Sparkman, Lisbon; Ron McDaniel, Montville; Michael Passero, New London; Mike Urgo, North Stonington; Sandra Allyn-Gauthier, Preston; Kevin Lyden, Salem; Cheyl Blanchard, Sprague; Jeff Callahan, Borough of Stonington; Danielle Chesebrough, Town of Stonington; Council Alternates: John Salomone, Norwich. Tribal Liaison: Chuck Bunnell, Mohegan Tribe. Military Liaison: Captain Todd Moore, Adam Wright, U.S. Naval SUBASE; RADM William Kelley, LCDR Daniel Stepler, USCGA. Staff: James Butler, Amanda Kennedy. Other: Patrick McCormack, Uncas Health District

Chairman Nickerson called the teleconference to order at 8:30 a.m. He stated this was a teleconference to allow a roundtable discussion of SCCOG members' response to the COVID-19 virus; there was no agenda and no actions would be taken.

Mr. McCormack provided an update on activities taken to date by both Uncas Health District, and Ledge Light Health District on behalf of Steve Mansfield who could not be on this call.

Mr. Sparkman raised the issue of closing municipal playgrounds and recreational facilities. Discussion took place.

Mr. Sharkey stated he was in need of N95 masks for Jewett City's WPCA employees.

RADM Kelley reported on activities at the USCGA, including hoped for dates for bringing the cadets back to campus, an on-campus graduation event, and the arrival of the next first year class.

Captain Moore said his main mission is to insure the operational readiness of the SUBASE, stressing its importance to the nation's defense. He reported on his efforts to keep Navy personnel and their dependents safe. At this time both the Commissary and Exchange remain open.

Mr. Nickerson asked for a discussion of municipal budget adoption processes. Several towns stated their plans going forward.

Mr. Bunnell noted that pursuant to the Governor's request the Mohegan Sun, along with Foxwoods have both closed. This is the first time for both to close, but he said it was for the public health.

Discussion on how towns were dealing with employees' time off and working from home took place.

Mr. Allyn reminded all of the need to give blood during this time, and said he would forward a link to the American Red Cross blood drive schedule to staff for forwarding to the SCCOG.

Mr. Nickerson reminded that the Census was still taking place.

The Executive Director reminded that employees must take sexual harassment prevention training and that now might be a good time for employees to do so; he said he would send the link out to the CHRO website.

The teleconference concluded at 9:53 a.m.

Note: The recording of this teleconference failed and is not available for posting.

Meeting Notes Taken By:
James S. Butler
Executive Director