



SECHA Board of Directors Meeting
November 19, 2021
8:30 AM

Conducted by Zoom Conference

Draft Minutes

Attendees: Norton Wheeler, Bob Fusari, Mark Oefinger, Deb Monahan, Fred Allyn III, Julie Savin, David Stanland, Les King, Jim Butler, Amanda Kennedy, Carly Holzschuh.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approve September 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the September 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes (Fusari, Oefinger). So voted unanimously.

3. Financial Report

Ms. Holzschuh presented the financial report. SCCOG staff have spent \$308.53, and new grant awards are incoming.

MOTION: To approve the financial report (Oefinger, Monahan). So voted unanimously.

4. Updates:

a. Grant Awards

Ms. Holzschuh shared that SECHA has received \$2,500 from the People's United Community Foundation Grant, and is expecting another \$2,500 grant from Chelsea Groton Bank to be arriving in the next week. Mr. Stanland said that an additional award from Dime Bank has also been approved for SECHA and SECHA will be officially notified soon.

b. Local Affordable Housing Plans

Ms. Holzschuh shared that SCCOG staff have started work on the Affordable Housing Plan for Preston, and have signed MOUs to start the planning process in

Montville and Lisbon. There is additional interest from the planner in Griswold for SCCOG staff to draft their AHP as well.

c. Center for Housing Opportunity Proposal

Ms. Kennedy shared a presentation titled “What does a regional Center for Housing Opportunity look like? A case study from Fairfield County” from the Fairfield County’s Center for Housing Opportunity (FCCHO). The FCCHO uses collaboration between regional partners, research and data, and public will building to preserve, produce, and protect affordable housing. The FCCHO has produced a lot of research and outreach communication materials that could be useful to southeastern CT, and they are interested in expanding their model to this area. Board members discussed how the CHO model may work here and possible roles that SECHA would have in a larger model. Board members expressed an interest in meeting with the organization and getting more information, either at the next scheduled SECHA meeting or in December.

5. New Business

No new business.

6. The next meeting will be held Jan. 14 at 8:30 AM.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 AM.