

MINUTES OF THE 3 MAY 2022
SCCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
VIA ZOOM

Present: Fred Allyn, III, Danielle Chesebrough, Cheryl Blanchard, Rob Brule, Keith Hedrick, John Salomone

Staff: James Butler, Amanda Kennedy, Kate Rattan

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

1. Update on Hiring of Planner

The Executive Director said that Nicole Haggerty would begin working at the SCCOG as Planner II on May 9th. The SCCOG is now advertising for the vacancy caused by Carly Holzschuh's resignation, and has already received six resumes for this opening. The Executive Director stated that they hoped to fill this position by early summer.

2. Route 32 and Route 161 Corridor Study Updates

The Executive Director informed the Executive Committee that both the Route 161 Corridor Study and Route 32 Corridor Study Advisory Committees have met, and that he and the consultant would be meeting with the Connecticut College SGA this coming Thursday evening. Both consultant teams are in the data gathering phase of the study.

3. FY 2021 STIP/TIP Amendments

The Executive Director summarized the STIP/TIP amendments sent with the agenda packet, and two additional sets of amendments emailed to the Executive Committee after the agenda packets had been sent.

MOTION: To recommend to the SCCOG the approval of the proposed STIP/TIP amendments (Hedrick, Chesebrough). So voted unanimously.

4. Meeting with CPA, Eversource, Orsted

The Executive Director said that he had been contacted by the PR consultant to Eversource and Orsted some time ago about their desire to address the SCCOG regarding the wind energy assembly project in New London. Last month the Executive Committee agreed to hold this presentation at the April SCCOG meeting, but Eversource and Orsted were not ready for that meeting. Recently, he said he met with this consultant, Justin May, along with Dave Quinn from Quinn and Harry who represents the Connecticut Port Authority, about a special meeting to brief the SCCOG followed by a tour of State Pier. The date that CPA, Eversource, an Orsted has selected is May 19th. He said he is awaiting a confirmation about that date before sending notice to the SCCOG.

5. JLUS Parking Management Plan Update

The Executive Director said that the draft report is pretty much completed, and that staff was now being deliberative in finalizing it, as assurances are being sought from Electric Boat as to their commitment to address parking demand so that does not present a problem to the City of Groton. Meetings have been held, and one more is planned, to discuss the encouragement of transit, ride sharing, van pooling, working from home, and other alternatives to single occupant vehicles travelling to Groton. Deputy Director Kennedy said that the SCCOG's contract with the Department of Defense Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation expires June 30, so staff is working to finalize this project before that date.

6. Other

The Executive Director said that his last day in the office as SCCOG Executive Director will be June 15th, the date of the June COG meeting. He said he will be using up vacation leave throughout May and June, before retiring and transitioning to his new half-time role as Senior Advisor.

The Chairman raised the issue of holding the May SCCOG meeting as a Special Meeting on May 19th before the meeting with CPA, Eversource, and Orsted, in place of the meeting scheduled for May 25th. Members of the Executive Committee expressed their support for this; staff said they would explore this with the staff of CPA, Eversource, and Orsted.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James S. Butler, Executive Director