

SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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November 6, 2023 Executive Committee

Held via Zoom

Minutes

PRESENT:

Danielle Chesebrough (Chairman), John Salomone, Cheryl Blanchard, Charlie Grant, Fred Allyn.
Staff: Amanda Kennedy, Kate Rattan.

Chairman Chesebrough opened the meeting at 8:30 AM.

1. EWIB CEO Council Appointment

Ms. Kennedy reminded the Committee that they will need to recommend an appointee at the next meeting.

2. Status of Hiring

Ms. Kennedy provided an update on hiring, which included posting openings for two planner positions after the departure of Sam Alexander in August and Kyle Casiglio this month. Mayor Allyn asked about the sustainability of these positions and Ms. Kennedy stated that they were sustainable because the positions already exist and given the additional state funding authorized by the Legislature this year.

3. Capital Improvements

Ms. Kennedy stated that roof repair costs will be about \$2,000 after insurance. She is waiting on estimates for other repairs and capital projects. Ms. Blanchard asked about the status of outside lights and Ms. Kennedy said she would look into the lighting situation around the warehouse.

4. Resolution regarding 2023 Haz Mat Grant

Ms. Kennedy stated that this resolution must be approved in order for SCCOG to act as fiduciary for this grant.

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RESOLUTION: To approve the 2023 EMPG HazMat Grant (Allyn, Grant). So voted unanimously.

5. STIP/TIP Amendments

Two amendments were presented for review. The first is for a bridge repair in Griswold. Kate Rattan reviewed the project description. The second amendment programs revenues from the federal Bridge Improvement Project grant towards the rehabilitation of the northbound span of the Gold Star Bridge. Mayor Allyn asked for clarification of code 11 and Kate Rattan later noted that it means “financing/funding revision.”

Resolution: Motion to recommend approval of the amendments (Grant, Allyn). So voted unanimously.

6. Speaker Requests/Scheduling

Ms. Kennedy reviewed speaker requests. Members expressed a preference for Steve Sullivan from Eversource to speak in January or February but if he can't to host him at the December meeting. Ms. Kennedy is working to schedule Kim Bradley from CT DEEP for November. She also reviewed a request from the America 250 organization, and members suggested they could speak in early spring 2024.

7. Schedule of Next Meetings

Ms. Kennedy discussed the timing of the FY 25 budget preparation and received approval to submit the budget to the Executive Committee in January instead of December. A draft will be prepared for discussion in December.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda E. Kennedy, Executive Director