

# SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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November 4, 2024 Executive Committee

## Minutes

### PRESENT:

Via Zoom: Rob Brule, Danielle Chesebrough, Bob Carlson, John Salomone, Tom DeVivo.

Staff: Amanda Kennedy, Dan Robinson.

- 1) Call to Order: Chairman Brule called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
- 2) Roll Call: A quorum was present.
- 3) Capital Improvements:
  - a) Ms. Kennedy presented a summary of capital costs in FY24 vs what was budgeted. SCCOG overspent the FY24 capital budget by \$20,000 due to unexpected add-on costs. The renovations were funded with FY24 and FY 25 OPM RSG and FY 24 and 25 capital.
  - b) Ms. Kennedy stated that there are no more plans for immediate capital improvements, but that the roof, HVAC, and lighting systems should be addressed soon. Ms. Kennedy concluded that SCCOG is still within the limits of its current for capital improvements.
- 4) Program Updates: No report.
- 5) FY 2026 Budget:
  - a) Ms. Kennedy noted that she had started working on the FY 26 budget, which is normally adopted in December, but asked if it could instead be presented for

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**Member Municipalities:** Bozrah \* Colchester \* East Lyme \* Franklin \* Griswold \* Borough of Jewett City \* City of Groton \* Town of Groton \* Lebanon \* Ledyard \* Lisbon \* Montville \* New London \* North Stonington \* Norwich \* Preston \* Salem \* Sprague \* Stonington \* Stonington Borough \* Waterford \* Windham

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approval in January, given better availability of information then and the bylaws requirement that a budget be passed by March.

b) Ms. Kennedy informed the committee that SCCOG's health insurance rates are going up by around 40% in the next year.

6) Resolution: Accepting OPM Funds for the purpose of improving CAMA and Parcel Data

a) Ms. Kennedy shared that \$209,000.00 is being provided by OPM for SCCOG to coordinate improving municipal CAMA and parcel data – the funding comes with priority action items. SCCOG's GIS Coordinator, Ms. Jessica Cobb, is already corresponding with firms likely to be involved in this work, but the effort will need to be completed by the new GIS Coordinator following Ms. Cobb's departure next month.

7) Resolution: Application for DEEP Materials Management Infrastructure Grant

a) Ms. Kennedy described SCCOG's intent to apply for funds for municipal organic waste composting infrastructure. Municipalities have already been contacted regarding their wish to participate in the grant.

MOTION: To recommend the Application for DEEP Materials Management Infrastructure Grant for Board Approval (Salomone, Carlson). Motion passed unanimously.

8) TIP Project List by Municipality

a) Ms. Kennedy distributed and reviewed a spreadsheet breaking down TIP Funding by SCCOG municipality, prepared in response to Chairman Brule's inquiry in October. Chairman Brule asked Mr. Dan Robinson if he noticed any trends while creating the spreadsheet. Mr. Robinson noted that predictably larger towns with higher populations had more projects/funding, to which Ms. Kennedy added that more funds were programmed in municipalities with major highways like I95.

9) 2025-2028 TIP Amendments:

- a) Ms. Kennedy spoke about the two amendments being considered and noted the electric charger to be placed at Groton Public Library.

MOTION: To recommend the attached TIP Amendments for SCCOG Board Approval (Salomone, Carlson). Motion passed unanimously.

10) Speaker Requests:

- a) Ms. Kennedy shared that no new requests had been received and that she'll be confirming with David Kooris of the CT Municipal Redevelopment Authority to present at the next SCCOG Board meeting.
- b) Mr. Carlson suggested that representatives from Flock Cameras could present to the Board. Flock Cameras are placed at intersections to aid in crime deterrence and investigations. Mr. Carlson spoke about their value and how connecting to a network of cameras could aid in fighting crimes that would otherwise go unsolved.
  - i) Ms. Kennedy brought up the idea of a "lunch and learn" on the matter and questioned if these cameras would need state approval. Mr. Carlson replied in the affirmative and agreed to send the Flock contact information to Ms. Kennedy.

11) Next meeting: SCCOG Board meeting is November 20<sup>th</sup>. Next Executive Committee meeting is December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

12) Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting (Carlson, Salomone). Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Brule adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Kennedy, Executive Director, on behalf of Bob Carlson, Secretary