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AGENDA

Executive Committee Meeting
Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments
Mayor's Conference Room – Waterbury City Hall
235 Grand Street
Waterbury, CT 06702
10 a.m., Friday, February 12, 2016

Please email lrizzo@nvcogct.org or call 203-757-0535 by February 11, 2016 concerning attendance.

Dial-In Number: 1-800-567-5900

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1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the April 27, 2015 and August 19, 2015 Records of Meeting
3. Discussion of NVCOG Audit Results for FY 2015
4. Presentation of Budget Amendments for current FY 2016
5. NVCOG Executive Committee Vacancies
6. Personnel Policy Changes
7. Adjournment

Called by
Neil O'Leary
Chairman

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RECORD OF MEETING
NVCOG Executive Committee
Diorio's Restaurant
231 Bank Street
Waterbury, CT 06702
12 Noon, Monday, April 27, 2015

Present: Neil O'Leary and Kevin DelGobbo, Waterbury; Mark Lauretti, Shelton; Bob Flanagan, Bristol; Chris Bielik, Beacon Falls; Ed Edelson, Southbury; Bob Mezzo, Naugatuck; Ed Mone, Thomaston.

Staff: Rick Dunne, Clare Falcha, Sean Kelleher, Lauren Rizzo.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Neil O'Leary called those assembled to order at 12:15 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Proposed Policy Changes and Discussion

a. Bylaw Amendments

- i. Memo 04142015-PY and Attachment – Sean Kelleher reviewed proposed amendments and technical corrections to the Bylaws. On a motion by Bob Flanagan, seconded by Ed Edelson, it was unanimously

VOTED: To recommend to the full NVCOG board that the proposed amendments and technical corrections to the Bylaws, as outlined in Memo 04142015-PY and Attachment A04142015-PY, be approved and adopted.

b. Personnel Policy Clarification and Revision

- i. Memo 03182015-PY and Attachment – Rick Dunne reviewed changes that are proposed to the personnel policy due to conflicting language in the merger provision for vacation time being brought into the new agency. The changes are outlined in Memo 03182015-PY and Attachment A03182015-PY. On a motion by Ed Edelson, seconded by Chris Bielik, it was unanimously

VOTED: To recommend to the full NVCOG board that the proposed personnel policy clarification and revision as outlined in Memo 03182015-PY and Attachment A03182015-PY be approved and adopted.

3. Recommendation of NVCOG FY16 Budget

Rick Dunne noted that, per the bylaws, the Executive Committee must approve the Executive Director's draft budget by the end of April, for presentation and review by the full council at the May meeting. Council approval is then scheduled for June. Clare Falcha reviewed the NVCOG FY16 budget. She and Rick Dunne responded to questions and provided clarifications. The topics of health insurance and staff compensation were also discussed, with further discussion to be held with the full board. On a motion by Ed Edelson, seconded by Ed Mone, it was unanimously

VOTED: To forward the proposed budget, as a whole, to the full NVCOG board for discussion.

4. **Other**

Kevin DelGobbo, Neil O’Leary, and Rick Dunne noted some topics of interest to the region as a group. Mr. Dunne said discussion at the last NVCOG meeting had touched on potentially forming a legislative advisory committee. He explained that it really is the Executive Committee’s function and suggested that in the upcoming legislative session the committee fulfill that role. The Executive Committee affirmed their assent to this. He also discussed the MPO redesignation and the role the Executive Committee might play in that.

5. **Adjournment**

At 1 p.m., on a motion by Bob Flanagan, seconded by Ed Mone, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Lauren Rizzo
Administrative Assistant
for
Ken Cockayne
Secretary



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RECORD OF MEETING

NVCOG Executive Committee

NVCOG Conference Room
49 Leavenworth St., 3rd Floor
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11:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 19, 2015

Present: Sheila O'Malley, Ansonia; Len Assard, Bethlehem; Ken Cockayne, Bob Flanagan, Bristol; Bob Mezzo, Naugatuck; Kurt Miller, Seymour; Mark Lauretti, Shelton; Ed Edelson, Southbury; Ed Mone, Thomaston; Neil O'Leary, Waterbury; Tom Dunn, Wolcott. (All members participated in this meeting via conference call.)

Staff: Rick Dunne, Mark Nielsen, Clare Falcha, Sean Kelleher, Lauren Rizzo.

1. Roll Call

Chairman O'Leary called those assembled to order at 11:30 a.m. The roll was taken and it was determined there was a quorum of Executive Committee members present.

2. Discussion of GBVMPO & NVMPO Redesignations

Rick Dunne described the procedures and processes necessary for the proposal to realign the MPO boundaries. He said that on August 24, the Greater Bridgeport Valley MPO will meet to consider a question to realign by allowing the four NVCOG towns that are members of GBVMPO to leave that MPO. Following that, a CNVMPO meeting would be scheduled to take up the question of accepting those four towns. He further said that Federal Highway Administration and CTDOT have requested that MPO boundaries be realigned so that each MPO only has one host agency. He also explained that, if it went through, it would strengthen the relationship of the towns within the Bridgeport Stamford urbanized area that are currently Central Naugatuck Valley members, as they would then have better representation in the Transportation Management Area (TMA) and there would be a larger say and an automatic funding allocation for that area.

Chairman O'Leary opened discussion on the topic. Mayor Lauretti said Shelton has a natural gravitation with Bridgeport for a variety of reasons and would have to oppose the separation and advocate for a consolidation of both regions. Mayor Mezzo agreed with Mayor Lauretti while also stating that he was not opposed to what was on the table today.

Chairman O'Leary noted NVCOG had followed the recommendation from OPM and, at the time the new COG had been approved, the majority of members felt it to be the proper move. Mayor Dunn concurred.

Further discussion concerning MPO configurations followed, including input from Sheila O'Malley of Ansonia and Kurt Miller of Seymour.

Rick Dunne said he would be part of the GBVMPO teleconference meeting on August 24. He summarized two possibilities. One being to keep the 19 towns together, which it seems the majority prefers, but should Shelton remain in the GBVMPO and the other three towns come to the CNVMPO, in short, what would happen financially is that NVCOG would lose approximately \$118,000 annually in planning funds to the Greater Bridgeport Region. It would be possible for Shelton to stay in NVCOG and also stay in GBVMPO, but it would affect operating funds.

Responding to a question as to whether it would reduce NVCOG work load accordingly, Mr. Dunne explained that it is not per capita based. NVCOG would be working on infrastructure regardless of where it is located.

Mayor O’Leary suggested the matter be discussed with the full NVCOG membership at its September meeting.

The meeting concluded at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Lauren Rizzo
Administrative Assistant
for
Ken Cockayne
Secretary

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