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Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley

COGCNV Conference Room

49 Leavenworth Street, Suite 303

Waterbury, CT 06702

1 p.m. Friday, October 10, 2014

COGCNV Members: Chris Bielik, First Selectman, Beacon Falls; Leonard Assard, First Selectman, Bethlehem; Jerry Sitko, Alternate, Cheshire; Ed St. John, First Selectman, Middlebury; Bob Mezzo, Mayor, Naugatuck; Joanne Pelton (by phone), Alternate, Oxford; Tom Galvin, Alternate, Prospect; Ed Edelson, First Selectman, John Monteleone, Alternate, Southbury; Ed Mone, First Selectman, Thomaston; Kevin DelGobbo, Alternate, Waterbury; Ray Primini, Town Council Chairman, Watertown; Tom Dunn, Mayor, Wolcott.

Speakers and Guests: Edgar Wynkoop, CTDOT.

COGCNV Staff: Samuel Gold, AICP, Executive Director; Aaron Budris, Regional Planner/GIS Specialist; Joanna Rogalski, Regional Planner; Lauren Rizzo, Administrative Assistant.

1. Roll Call and Public Comment

Chairman Ed Edelson called the meeting to order at 1:23 p.m. and the roll was taken. There was no public comment.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of the September 12, 2014 meeting
- b. Financial Report
- c. Appointment of Aaron Budris as COGCNV representative to Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development Area Council and to Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition Advisory Council
- d. Correspondence

On a motion by Jerry Sitko, seconded by Chris Bielik, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

3. Transportation Improvement Program 2015-2018

Samuel Gold reviewed the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program, as noted in Memorandum 10032014-T. The draft Transportation Improvement Program 2015-2018 (TIP), prepared by COGCNV and CTDOT, is a federally required four year funding schedule of highway and transit projects paid for by federal, state, and local funding sources. Highway and road improvements, bridge repairs, commuter services, and bus and train operating and capital funds are included in the TIP. The TIP is available for public comment until October 22, 2014. Following approval by COGCNV, the TIP 2015-2018 will be forwarded to CTDOT. If accepted by CTDOT, the CNVR's TIP will become part of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). CTDOT will submit the STIP to the Federal

Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration for their review and approval.

On a motion by Ed St. John, seconded by Tom Dunn, it was unanimously

VOTED: To endorse the Central Naugatuck Valley Region Transportation Improvement Program 2015-2018 contingent upon no major adverse comments received during the public comment period.

4. Air Quality Conformity

- a. Connecticut portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT PM2.5 Attainment/Maintenance Area
- b. Connecticut portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT Ozone Nonattainment Area
- c. Greater CT Ozone Nonattainment Area

Samuel Gold said that as required under the Federal Clean Air Act, CTDOT has completed air quality determinations for ozone and small particulate (PM2.5) nonattainment areas in the state (noted above). The air quality determination found all areas to be in conformity with the budgets in the current State Implementation Plan (SIP). This determination covers COGCNV's *Transportation Improvement Plan: 2015-2018* and the *Long Range Transportation Plan: 2011-2040*. COGCNV has air quality determinations available for public review at its office and at cogcnv.org. The public comment period ends on 10/17/14.

On a motion by Ed St. John, seconded by Tom Dunn, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the *Resolutions on Conformity with the Clean Air Act: Ozone* and *Resolution on Conformity with the Clean Air Act: PM2.5* contingent upon no major adverse comments received during the public comment period.

5. Regional Salt and Sand Bid

Samuel Gold said regional salt and sand bids will be received until 4 p.m. on 10/10/14.

6. COGCNV Staffing

Samuel Gold said COGCNV is currently advertising for a regional or senior planner. Valley COG's Director of Planning will most likely be part of the interview team.

Additionally, Mr. Gold said he had accepted a position with the River Council of Governments and will be starting there on 12/8/14 as their new executive director. Mr. Gold said his intention, as was outlined in his resignation letter to Mr. Edelson, was to stay on with COGCNV on a part time basis until the end of the year in order to close out COGCNV

business. River COG has agreed to this. He also said he will make himself available for assistance after that date.

7. Other

Samuel Gold said health insurance renewals are being worked on. It is hoped that decisions on what the future health benefit plans (medical and dental) will be for the new COG will be in place for the hiring of the NVCOG executive director and regional planner, and they will then be started on the new plan.

On a motion by Kevin DelGobbo, seconded by Ed Mone, it was unanimously

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session.

8. Adjournment

Following the Executive Session, the meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Lauren Rizzo
Administrative Assistant
for
Tom Dunn
Secretary