



NAUGATUCK VALLEY COUNCIL of GOVERNMENTS

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SUMMARY MINUTES

Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments and Central Naugatuck Valley MPO

49 Leavenworth Street, 3rd Floor, Waterbury, CT 06702

10 a.m., Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Commencement of Meeting (Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call)

Mayor Pete Hess called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the roll was called, and a quorum was determined.

NVCOG CEOs/Reps:

In person: David Cassetti, Mayor, Ansonia; Jeffrey Caggiano, Mayor, Bristol; Ed St. John, First Selectman, Middlebury; N. Warren "Pete" Hess, Mayor, Naugatuck; George Temple, First Selectman, Oxford; Mark Lauretti, Mayor, Shelton; Edmond Mone, First Selectman, Thomaston; Paul Pernerewski, Mayor, Waterbury; Tom Dunn, Mayor, Wolcott.

Remote: Andrew Martelli, Alternate, Cheshire; Bob Chatfield, Mayor, Prospect;

NVCOG Staff: Executive Director Rick Dunne (Remote), Desira Blanchard, Trish Bruder, Richard Donovan, Christine O'Neill, Michael Szpryngel.

Bylaws discussion

The assembly discussed the proposed NVCOG Bylaws. Some members were not in favor of any section that would prevent the CEOs of the four Lower Naugatuck Valley towns from chairing the NVCOG Board.

Rick Dunne explained the options, and the consensus was to keep the status quo. He introduced the following amendments to the document:

- 1) Page 21. Section B.

Insert the following:

The CNVMPO shall exist within the framework of Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and have such rights, duties, and powers as conferred or imposed upon it by a duly executed "Project Authorization Letter" between the CNVMPO and the CTDOT, authorizing the region's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Additional rights, duties, and powers may be authorized by federal statute or direction of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) or the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

2. Page 21. Section D. Officers – paragraph 2:

Strike that paragraph in its entirety.

3. Page 21. Section D. 4th Paragraph:

AMENDMENT: "The Chairperson or other presiding officer," **ADD: "provided they are a member of the CNVMPO,"** "shall have the right to participate in all votes before the MPO.

4. Page 13. Article VI: Officers and Executive Committee. Section A. Title and Terms. Section 2. Chairperson Requirements.

Strike Section A2 – Chairperson Requirements in its entirety.

5. Page 13. Article VI: Officers and Executive Committee. Section D. Chairperson. Paragraph 3.

As a Member of the Council **Strike: "and MPO,"** the Chairperson shall have the right to vote on all matters which may come before the Council.

Tom Dunn MOVED to preliminary adopt the proposed NVCOG Bylaws as amended; SECONDED by David Cassetti.

Discussion: Mark Lauretti questioned Article 11 which references the MPO bylaws within the NVCOG bylaws. Rick Dunne explained that when the bylaws were adopted in 2015, there was an article reserved for MPO bylaws, but they were never included.

Motion carried unanimously.

The preliminarily adopted bylaws will be sent to counsel for review and will come back to this Board for full adoption in December.

Adjournment

At approximately 10:25 a.m., Tom Dunn MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by David Cassetti. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Bruder
Executive Administrative Clerk

Attachment: Bylaws of the NVCOG - Draft preliminarily adopted 11-20-2024