

MINUTES OF THE 7/21/10 MEETING OF THE
SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AT SCCOG OFFICE, NORWICH, CT

PRESENT: Council Representatives: William Ballinger, Bozrah; Gregg Schuster, Colchester; Richard Matters, Franklin; James Streeter, Town of Groton; Fred Allyn, Ledyard; Thomas Sparkman, Lisbon; Joseph Jaskiewicz, Montville; Nicholas Mullane, North Stonington; Robert Congdon, Preston; Kevin Lyden, Salem; Cathy Osten, Sprague; Ed Haberek, Town of Stonington; Daniel Steward, Waterford. Council Alternates: Mary Ann Galbraith, City of Groton; Mark Oefinger, Town of Groton; Alan Bergren, Norwich. Military Liaison: Captain Mark Denno, US Naval SUBASE. Staff: Richard Guggenheim. Other: Jenny Contois, Congressman Courtney's office; Jeff Nelson, Governor's Eastern Office; John Markowicz, seCTer; Deborah Monahan, TVCCA; Robert Yust, US Naval SUBASE; Merrill Gerber; Virginia Mason, Sharon Peccini, & Paul Yorkoloski, United Way of SE CT; Mark Paquette, WINCOG; Jerry Farrell, Commissioner of CT Dept. of Consumer Protection; Nancy Buckley, Dominion Nuclear CT; Ella Bowman, SEAT; one reporter.

1. Call to Order: The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:32a.m. At the Chairman's request, the agenda was modified. Motion to add item B, Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant, to the agenda (Mullane, Osten). So voted unanimously.
2. Roll Call: A quorum was present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Matters led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Act on Minutes 6/16/10:

MOTION: To approve the minutes of 6/16/10 (Allyn, Sparkman). So voted unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report:

MOTION: To approve the July Treasurer's Report (Jaskiewicz, Osten). So voted unanimously.

6. Public Comment: Deborah Monahan of TVCCA announced that her agency was beginning to distribute Energy Assistance Applications. She also noted that as part of ARRA, TVCCA would be receiving 365,000 diapers for distribution to needy families.
7. Communications: No Action.
8. Committee and Liaison Reports

A. Executive Committee

1. FY 2010-11 Local Road Accident Reduction Program.

MOTION: To approve of the FY 2010-11 Local Road Accident Reduction Program (Congdon, Mullane). So voted unanimously.

2. Revised STP-Urban Program Policy

Mr. Guggenheim briefly summarized the changes to the document noting that the next solicitation for FY 2011 funding under this program would follow SCCOG's approval of the document.

MOTION: To approve of the Revised STP-Urban Program Policy (Mullane, Sparkman). So voted unanimously.

3. SCCOG Retreat

The Chairman opened the discussion by noting that Captain Denno had initially proposed that the August 18th meeting of SCCOG be held at the US Naval Submarine Base. He then noted that the SCCOG retreat was scheduled for August 27th. Captain Denno then agreed to postpone the SCCOG visit to the SUBASE until the October meeting and it was agreed that SCCOG would consolidate the regular monthly meeting in August with the retreat scheduled for August 27th.

4. CARPO RPO Boundary Study

No action taken.

5. Appointments to Legislative Committee

The Executive Committee has appointed the following, who all volunteered to serve on the re-constituted Legislative Committee: Paul Formica, Ed Haberek, Bob Congdon, Gregg Schuster, Nick Mullane, and Mark Oefinger. The Chairman acknowledged Mr. Maranell's contributions to the committee.

Mr. Mullane raised the issue of municipal responsibility for storing property of people who are evicted.

6. FY 2010 TIP/STIP Amendments

The Executive Committee recommended in favor of the FY 2010 TIP/STIP Amendments. To be taken up under Item 11. A., New Business.

7. Other

Mr. Matters noted that there will be a meeting with the Norwich Board of Alderman on August 2nd to try and resolve the tax issue between Norwich and SCCOG.

B. Legislative Committee: No Report.

C. Tribal Liaison Representatives: No Report.

D. Military Command Representative:

Captain Denno noted that on July 31st, the USS Missouri will be commissioned. This event will bring many important dignitaries to the region and give the local economy a small boost.

E. Office of Congressman Courtney

Ms. Contois announced an important PTAP event scheduled for August 10th at the New London Science and Technology Center that will help contractors become better equipped to respond to the Federal bidding process.

Mr. Allyn raised the issue as to the possible affects for municipalities on the extension of unemployment benefits. The general consensus was the affects were overall positive but would affect those municipal employees that have been laid off.

F. seCTer

Mr. Markowicz gave a brief summary of the status of the CEDS, the loan program and the PTAP event. Mr. Markowicz reported that the film coalition met on June 30th and discussed union related issues. Mr. Mullane raised the issue of additional funds coming to support seCTer. Mr. Markowicz noted that the State match for those funds was a problem.

G. Eastern CT Tourism District

Mr. Markowicz noted that the Greater Mystic Business Bureau is making good progress.

H. SEAT

Ms. Bowman reported that for FY 2010, SEAT had 1.1 million passenger trips. However, due to funding cuts, the Groton-Stonington Dial-A-Ride service was eliminated. She also noted that service hours were cut back on several other runs but expressed that they will hardly be noticed.

I. Governor's Eastern Office

Mr. Nelson reported an end of the year surplus of \$393 million of which \$250 million will go toward reducing bond debt. He reported that the mortgage mediation law was extended until 2012 and that unemployment dropped slightly from 8.9% to 8.8%. He also reported that \$2.3 million has been appropriated to overhaul locomotives that are intended to be used in Shoreline East service.

Ms. Contois added that the deadline for submission of FEMA claims was July 27th.

9. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Steward reported on a meeting that he and Mr. Butler attended at ConnDOT concerning the future of Route 11 and the Greenway/Bike-Ped project. He said that ConnDOT now considers improvements to Route 85 to be critical given the fact that Route 11 has been placed on indefinite hold.

There was a brief discussion about the I-395/I-95 intersection and what, if any, improvements are going to be made.

10. Old Business

A. Regional Emergency Planning Team: No report.

B. Regional Water: No report.

11. New Business

A. FY 2010 TIP/STIP Amendments

- 0137-XXXX, Stonington, Intermodal Center Parking Fac. & Streetscape, Stonington & Mystic, ALL, 2010, \$580,000, New Project.
- 0137-XXXX, Stonington, Intermodal Center Parking Fac. & Streetscape, Stonington & Mystic, ALL, 2010, \$611,000, New Project.
- 0137-XXXX, Stonington, Intermodal Center Parking Fac. & Streetscape, Stonington & Mystic, ALL, 2010, \$662,000, New Project.
- 0094-0198, New London, New London Intermodal Transportation Center & Streetscape, ALL, 2010, \$135,000, New Project.
- 0170-2758, Various, Statewide, Pavement Management Analysis & Data Collection for NHS Roadways, AC, PE, 2010, \$530,000, New Project (was in 2007 STIP).
- 0170-2759, Various, Statewide, Pavement Management Analysis & Data Collection for Non-NHS Roadway, PE, 2010, \$470,000, New Project (was in 2007 STIP).
- 0170-2868, Various, Statewide, CE Bridge Inspection - Underwater On/Off, PE, 2010, \$952,000, New Project.
- 0170-2868, Various, Statewide, CE Bridge Inspection - Underwater On/Off, PE, 2011, \$952,000, New Project.
- 0172-0359, Various, Dist. 2, Install STC Traffic Signals, CON, 2010, \$248,000, New Project.
- 0172-0365, Various, Dist. 2, Install STC Traffic Signals, CON, 2010, \$952,000, New Project.

- 0172-0365, Various, Dist. 2, Install STC Traffic Signals, CON, 2010, \$502,000, New Project.

MOTION: To approve of the FY 2010 TIP/STIP Amendments (Jaskiewicz, Sparkman). So voted unanimously.

B. Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant

Mr. Paquette, WINCOG Executive Director, gave a brief summary of the purposes and objectives of the grant.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution No. 10-2, Relating to A Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant and to empower the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (Sparkman, Osten). So voted unanimously.

C. Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection

The Chairman introduced Jerry Farrell, Jr., Commissioner of the CT Department of Consumer Protection who addressed the SCCOG concerning liquor control issues. He presented the members with a handout outlining various processes and resources that towns may use where and when liquor control issues arise.

12. Next Meeting: August 27, 2010, Norwich Inn and Spa.
13. Adjournment: There being no further business, the Chairman called for adjournment.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m. (Jaskiewicz, Steward). So voted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Formica, Secretary

