



# NAUGATUCK VALLEY COUNCIL of GOVERNMENTS

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## MINUTES

### Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

NVCOG Conference Room  
49 Leavenworth St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Waterbury, CT

10 a.m., Friday, October 12, 2018

**NVCOG Representatives:** Chris Bielik, First Selectman, Beacon Falls; Len Assard, First Selectman, Bethlehem; Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Mayor, Bristol; Rob Oris, Jr., Town Council Chair, Jerry Sitko, Alternate, Cheshire; Rich Dziekan, Mayor, Derby; Pete Hess, Mayor, Naugatuck; George Temple, First Selectman, Oxford; David Merchant, Mayor, Plymouth; Mark Lauretti, Mayor, Shelton; Jeff Manville, First Selectman, Southbury; Ed Mone, First Selectman, Thomaston; Mack Demac, Proxy, Waterbury; Tom Winn, Town Council Chair, Watertown; Tom Dunn, Mayor, Wolcott; Maryellen Edwards, Alternate, Woodbury.

**Guests/Other:** April Chapman, Kennedy Center; Judy Mancini, City of Waterbury; Sara Radacsi, CTDOT; David Krechevsky, Waterbury Regional Chamber, members of the public.

**Staff:** Rick Dunne, Mark Nielsen, Aaron Budris, Joanna Rogalski, Lauren Rizzo, Christian Meyer, John DiCarlo, Max Tanguay-Colucci, Michael Szpryngel, Zach Guarino, Richard Crowther, Jr.

Prior to the start of the meeting there was a presentation about the Capitol Region Purchasing Council by Maureen Goulet of the Capitol Region Council of Governments.

#### 1. **Commencement of Meeting (Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, Public Comment)**

Vice Chairman Mark Lauretti called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the roll was called. There was no public comment.

#### 2. **NVCOG Administrative Items**

- a. *Approval of the Minutes of the September 14, 2018 NVCOG Meeting* – On a motion by Chris Bielik, seconded by Pete Hess, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the September 14, 2018 NVCOG meeting.

- b. *Approval of the Finance Director's Report* – Michael Szpryngel reported that NVCOG is 25% through Fiscal Year 2019. There have been no significant unexpected expenses or reductions in NVCOG's funding sources. For the period ending September 30, 2018, he reviewed the balance sheet, deferred revenue, bank balances, and profit and loss (budget vs. actual). On a motion by Ed Mone, seconded by Tom Winn, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Finance Director's report.

- c. *Director's Report* – Executive Director Rick Dunne said there were no items of special note this month. There were no questions from the floor.

3. **NVCOG Planning/Transportation**

- a. *Approval for NVCOG Executive Director Rick Dunne to Submit a Recreational Trails Program Grant Application on Behalf of the City of Waterbury to the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and to Sign Any Documents Associated with Administering the Grant if Awarded* – Aaron Budris explained the specifics of the 2018-2019 funding round from CT DEEP and the City of Waterbury’s request. The application is for a planning study on the Naugatuck River Greenway Waterbury Phase 1 Extension trail segment. The grant program funds will be used to hire an engineering firm to revise the preferred trail route, conduct environmental due diligence, prepare detailed environmental, engineering and construction cost estimates, and to conduct some preliminary design work. The intent is to provide the City of Waterbury with the information required to seek funding for design and construction. On a motion by George Temple, seconded by Pete Hess, it was unanimously

VOTED: To endorse NVCOG Resolution 2019-09 authorizing NVCOG Executive Director Rick Dunne to submit a Recreational Trails Program grant application on behalf of the City of Waterbury to the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and to sign any documents associated with administering the grant if awarded.

- b. *Approval for Executive Director Rick Dunne to Submit Letters of Support for Recreational Trails Grant Applications being Prepared for Ansonia, Bethlehem, Cheshire, Derby, Naugatuck, Oxford, Thomaston, Watertown & Woodbury* – Mr. Budris said a number of communities other than Waterbury have also requested letters of support for their trail related projects. Mr. Budris briefly outlined the projects and noted that Derby had recently requested to be included. Mr. Budris said that all projects meet the grant requirements.

Jerry Sitko asked if Cheshire could also be issued a letter of support for its CT DEEP grant application, and on a motion by Ed Mone, seconded by Pete Hess, there was unanimous agreement to amend the motion accordingly to include Cheshire. On a motion by Ed Mone, seconded by Pete Hess, it was unanimously

VOTED: To authorize NVCOG Executive Director Rick Dunne to submit letters of support for Recreational Trails Grant Applications being prepared for Ansonia, Bethlehem, Cheshire, Derby, Naugatuck, Oxford, Thomaston, Watertown and Woodbury.

Cheshire Town Council Chair Rob Oris, Jr. thanked the NVCOG representatives for including Cheshire in the motion.

- c. *LOTICIP Update* – Mark Nielsen said NVCOG has had seven projects completed since the inception of this program. Two projects are currently under construction and another ten are in the design phase. Two projects are under review by CTDOT and will, hopefully, receive letters of commitment. An addition ten projects are in the design phase. He anticipates that the next few years will be busy for construction. Mr. Nielsen encouraged the communities to continue to submit applications.

Rick Dunne said that on the legislative side, bonding will be requested based on the statewide need of LOTCIP. He noted that some other regions are not pursuing LOTCIP projects as aggressively, and over the long haul the legislature may decide not to put funding in place, as existing funding is not being fully utilized. Responding to a question, Mr. Nielsen said NVCOG has asked about using funding that has been allocated but not used by others, but CTDOT has not been amenable to this.

- d. *Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update* – Mr. Nielsen said staff is working on an online story map to allow people to look at sections of the plan in which they may be interested. NVCOG is working closely with MetroCOG on a transportation plan for the Greater Bridgeport Valley MPO. As part of joint public outreach, an online survey will be conducted with MetroCOG. The target date for the draft plan is the end of December. The deadline for endorsement by the MPO is March 2019. The public comment period will take place in the early part of 2019. Additionally, the plan will have initial reviews by the Regional Planning Commission and Transportation Technical Advisory Committee.

#### 4. **Brownfields**

- a. *Approval of NVCOG Resolution 2019-10 Relative to a WDC Application for the Anamet Site in Waterbury* – Max Tanguay-Colucci reported that the DECD has released Round 12 of Brownfields Assessment and Remediation funding. Through the Waterbury Development Corp., the City of Waterbury will be submitting an application to DECD for a \$1 million remediation grant for the Anamet site. The City of Waterbury is seeking NVCOG endorsement and recommendation of approval of this application to CT DECD. On a motion by Ed Mone, seconded by Pete Hess, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2019-10.

- b. *Approval for the Executive Director to Submit Letters in Support of DECD Round 12 Municipal Brownfields Funding for Thomaston, Shelton, Berlin, Derby and Newtown* – Mr. Tanguay-Colucci described the projects of the municipalities seeking letters of support for their brownfield grant applications to DECD. NVCOG staff is writing the applications for Thomaston, Derby and Newtown.

Rick Dunne said he normally writes letters of endorsement without representing that they are from the board, but are from him on behalf of NVCOG. He asked that he continue to be allowed to do so for any other applications that may come in for this round of brownfields funding. George Temple made a motion to amend the motion accordingly, it was seconded by Jeff Manville, and the vote to amend the motion was unanimous. On a motion by George Temple, seconded by Jeff Manville, it was unanimously

VOTED: That Executive Director Rick Dunne submit letters in support of DECD Round 12 municipal brownfields funding for Thomaston, Shelton, Berlin, Derby and Newtown, and that he continue to be empowered to provide letters of support for any other applications that may come in for DECD Round 12 municipal brownfields funding.

#### 5. **Emergency Management Update**

Joanna Rogalski said the training day scheduled for Community Emergency Response Teams has been postponed until March or April of 2019. The Steering Committee of the Regional Emergency Response Teams in Region 5 will hold a meeting on October 15. Mike Varney, the Northeast Regional Lead for the First Responder Network Authority will be a speaker.

Referring to the May 15, 2018 tornado, Jeff Manville said he is expecting an after action report from Southbury's deputy emergency management director. Once received, he will distribute copies to the other CEOs.

Ms. Rogalski also reported that the City of Bristol achieved bronze status with Sustainable CT. Bristol will receive recognition at the annual convention of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities at the end of October.

6. **Other**

Jeff Manville spoke about Southbury's withdrawal of a state application regarding ambulance service and the reasons behind it.

George Temple said the power plant in Oxford will open on October 17. Any CEO interested in attending the opening should contact him.

7. **Adjournment**

At 10:57 a.m., on a motion by Chris Bielik, seconded by Ed Mone, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by  
Lauren Rizzo  
Administrative Services Coordinator  
for  
Ed Mone  
Secretary

**NAUGATUCK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (NVCOG)**

**RESOLUTION #2019-09**

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection in response to its Request for Applications for the Recreational Trails Grant Program.

**Whereas**, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection has requested applications for funding trail planning, design and construction projects;

**Whereas**, the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments, on behalf of the City of Waterbury has prepared an application in response to the RFA requesting financial support to conduct environmental and preliminary design work on the City's Naugatuck River Greenway Phase I extension project.

**Whereas**, the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments and its member municipalities have demonstrated a strong commitment to promote and expand pedestrian and bicycle opportunities and facilities in the region.

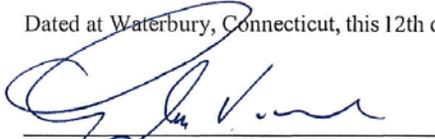
**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that NVCOG strongly supports and endorses the application to be submitted to conduct environmental and preliminary design work on Waterbury's Naugatuck River Greenway Phase I Extension project.

**Be Further Resolved**, that Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments authorizes Rick Dunne, Executive Director of the NVCOG, or his successor, to sign the grant application and to sign any other documents associated with administering the grant, if awarded, including any amendments thereto.

**Certification**

The undersigned duly qualified officer, acting on behalf of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments Board of Directors.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut, this 12th day of October, 2018.



Ed Mone  
Secretary, Naugatuck Valley COG



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**RESOLUTION 2019-10**

**WATERBURY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
ENDORSEMENT OF APPLICATION TO DECD FOR ANAMET SITE**

I certify that the following is a true copy of the vote of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments at its meeting on October 12, 2018, in Waterbury, Connecticut, at which a quorum was present.

**WHEREAS**, The NVCOG offers brownfields services to the twenty-seven (27) eligible municipalities of the Regional Brownfields Partnership; and

**WHEREAS**, The Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (hereinafter "CT DECD") released a Notice of Funding Availability for environmental assessment and remediation funding as part of its Round 12 Brownfields Municipal Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, The Waterbury Development Corporation intends to submit an application to CT DECD for remediation funding at 698 South Main Street (former Anamet Site) in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for activities including but not limited to remediation and removals; and

**WHEREAS**, The former Anamet site is of significant regional importance due to its location within one of New England's most environmentally vulnerable census tracts as demonstrated by the EPA EJ Screen Tool; and

**WHEREAS**, The Waterbury Development Corporation has started necessary site-clearing due to multiple structurally unsound buildings on site; and

**WHEREAS**, The Waterbury Development Corporation will be unable to protect public safety but for additional remediation funding;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, We hereby endorse and recommend approval of the application of the Waterbury Development Corporation for remediation funding at the former Anamet site on behalf of the City of Waterbury to the CT DECD Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development for its Round 12 Municipal Brownfields Grant Program.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut, on October 12, 2018

Agency: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

Signed   
Ed Mone  
Secretary