

MINUTES
Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley

Olive Tree Restaurant
137 East Hill Road
Southbury, CT 06488
Friday, September 11, 2009, 12 Noon

COGCNV Members: Karen Wilson, Alternate, Beacon Falls; Tom Gormley, First Selectman, Middlebury; Bob Mezzo, Mayor, Naugatuck; Bob Chatfield, Mayor, Prospect; Bill Davis, First Selectman, Southbury; Maura Martin, First Selectman, Bob Flanagan, Alternate, Thomaston; Tom Dunn, Mayor, Wolcott.

Speakers and Guests: Tom Mangan, Tom Ryan, Close, Jensen & Miller; Karen Spargo, Valley Health District; Lou Mangini, Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro's Office; Stephen Livingston, ConnDOT; Paul Nonnemacher, CRRA; Kenny Curran, Congressman Chris Murphy's Office; Bob Kenny, Larry Hendrickson, DEMHS.

Staff: Peter Dorpalen, Executive Director; Virginia Mason, Assistant Director; Samuel Gold, Senior Planner; Joe Perrelli, Regional Planner; Glenda Prentiss, GIS Coordinator; Jeff Cormier, GIS Specialist/Regional Planner; Lauren Rizzo, Administrative Assistant.

1. Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, Introductions, Public Comment

Vice Chairman Maura Martin called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silent remembrance was observed in recognition of September 11, 2001. The roll was then called. There was no public comment. Chairman Dunn arrived and continued the meeting.

2. Administrative Items

- a. *Minutes of August 11, 2009 Meeting* — On a motion by Bob Chatfield, seconded by Tom Gormley, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the August 11, 2009 COGCNV meeting.

- b. *Financial Report* — Peter Dorpalen reported that as of August 31, COGCNV was 17% through the fiscal year and had expended 16% of its operating budget. Including pass-through funds, 20% of the total budget has been expended. Fiscal year dues have been received from all towns, except one. On a motion by Bob Chatfield, seconded by Tom Gormley, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the financial report.

- c. *Correspondence* — Peter Dorpalen summarized recent correspondence:

July 19, 2009 Email from Bethlehem Assessor Carolyn Nadeau thanking COGCNV for funding the town's GIS parcel mapping and COGCNV staff for helping to implement it. She notes that the response from appraisers, taxpayers, town employees, and out-of-towners has been wonderful.

July 28, 2009	Letter to Woodbury First Selectman from Regional Planner Joe Perrelli on his review of town roads in Woodbury for eligibility for the federal-aid road network.
August 6, 2009	Email from OPM reminding municipal officials that towns wishing to apply for ARRA Municipal Energy and Conservation Block Grants need to register for access to the OPM Grant Portal. (Five CNVR towns have registered as of August 6.)
August 19, 2009	Letter from EPA Region 1 acknowledging the agency's acceptance of all reports required to closeout Waterbury's Platts Mill force main and pump station project that COGCNV has been overseeing.
August 21, 2009	Email from ConnDOT stating that the planned, final phase of the I-84 east of Waterbury project is not included in the new draft Transportation Improvement Program because of fiscal constraints. (Funding is going largely to the Q bridge in New Haven.)
August 27, 2009	Letter to Oxford in support of its Recreational Trails grant application for a trail in the Rockhouse Hill Sanctuary.
August 28, 2009	Letter to ConnDOT concurring with the I-84 West of Waterbury EIS coordination plan.
August 29, 2009	Letter to Waterbury Development Corporation in support of its Recreational Trails grant application for repair of a footbridge across the Naugatuck River.
September 1, 2009	Letter to Thomaston First Selectman supporting Thomaston's Recreational Trails grant application for the Clock Walk.
September 3, 2009	Letter to the new DEMHS Commissioner congratulating him on his appointment.

3. **I-84 West of Waterbury Environmental Impact Study - Introduction, Status, What to Expect**

Tom Ryan of Close, Jensen & Miller presented an overview of the study, required for the planning of improvements to the I-84 corridor from the New York state line in Danbury to Interchange 18 in Waterbury. ConnDOT identified the needed improvements for the corridor in needs assessments conducted in the CNVR and neighboring Housatonic Valley Region. Mr. Ryan explained the steps and identified the agencies involved in the project, and outlined the schedule of events for the environmental impact study, including public involvement. A website has been created at www.I-84EIS.com to keep the public abreast on progress on the EIS.

4. **H1N1 Flu — Municipal Response**

Karen Spargo, Director of Health for the Naugatuck Valley Health District, spoke about H1N1 flu at the local level, and identified age groups most at risk. Connecticut has had 136 hospitalizations and nine deaths related to H1N1 so far, and according to a statement made by Governor Rell, all of those individuals had underlying health conditions. Strategies include community mitigations that can be done

without pharmaceuticals, as well as vaccines, and anti-virals. Recommended community mitigations include avoiding coughing into hands, isolating the ill, and quarantining those who have been exposed. Municipalities should have an influenza policy in place, as well as a continuity of operations plan. Influenza vaccines are expected to be available mid-October; priority groups have been set by CDC. Ms. Spargo recommended checking health websites on a daily basis for updates.

5. Connecticut Product Stewardship Council — Letter of Agreement

Jeff Cormier explained that participating in the Connecticut Product Stewardship Council will allow municipalities to better coordinate and manage product stewardship initiatives. Product stewardship requires product manufacturers to take responsibility for managing the end of life of certain products such as electronics and paint. The Stewardship Council allows municipalities to save money on hazardous waste disposal costs. The Council can advocate for necessary legislation and work directly with product manufacturers. There is no membership fee or financial obligation to join. On a motion by Tom Gormley, seconded by Maura Martin, it was unanimously

VOTED: To authorize Chairman Thomas Dunn to sign the Connecticut Product Stewardship Letter of Agreement.

6. Project Updates

a. *DEMHS Region 5* — Virginia Mason reported that three trailers have been ordered for the Central Naugatuck Valley. Shelter allocations have gone to Wolcott, Oxford, and Bethlehem. Cots are being ordered, and GPS units will also be purchased. Some towns have not yet signed the Memorandums of Agreement, or are missing certain pages. The application cannot be submitted to DEMHS until all MOAs are complete and turned in to COGCNV.

Bob Kenny, Region 5 Emergency Management Coordinator, said that high band radio systems have been installed in 100% of the towns. Commissioner Boynton will hold a town hall meeting with Region 5 emergency management directors on September 21. Another WebEOC training session will be held. The Region 5 Animal Response Team will soon receive training and equipment.

b. *Naugatuck River Greenway Routing Study* — Sam Gold said the kick-off meeting for the routing study will take place on September 17 at 10 A.M at the Waterbury Development Corporation. The City of Waterbury is holding a public workshop for its portion of the greenway on September 16.

c. *E-waste - Request for Proposals* — Jeff Cormier said the new electronics recycling law is due to take effect in 2010. He is working on an RFP to be sent to all town recycling waste coordinators for their comments prior to its being put out to bid.

d. *HomeCT* — Virginia Mason said HomeCT's allocation was retained in the state budget. At this time, it is not clear whether Watertown's application will be considered. Thomaston's application appears to be moving along.

e. *ARRA Projects* — Peter Dorpalen said all projects have been reviewed by ConnDOT, and the project concept phase is complete. It is critical that all deadlines for ARRA projects be met. A Davis-Bacon compliance training seminar will be held at CCSU on September 16. ConnDOT is working on a master agreement to expedite ARRA projects. Once this agreement is received by COGCNV, it will be passed along to the towns for review.

7. **Regional Business**

Sam Gold stated that the King's Mark Tour des Farms, a non-competitive bicycle event, will take place on September 26. This year the event is being held in the Naugatuck Valley.

Jeff Cormier said the region's first bulk paper shred event will be held on September 19 in Watertown. A household hazardous waste event will be held in Bethlehem on September 26.

8. **Other**

Chairman Tom Dunn said the next COGCNV meeting would be postponed to October 23.

Peter Dorpalen stated that COGCNV staff would like to purchase a fiberglass duck for Beacon Falls' Parade of Ducks event. The artificial duck will be decorated to promote the region's Naugatuck River Greenway project. On a motion by Bob Chatfield, seconded by Tom Gormley, it was unanimously

VOTED: To authorize staff to purchase one the fiberglass ducks for the Parade of Ducks at a cost of \$150, for the purpose of promoting the Naugatuck River Greenway project.

9. **Adjournment** — At 1:05 p.m., on a motion by Bob Chatfield, seconded by Tom Gormley, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Lauren Rizzo
Administrative Assistant

for

Robert Chatfield
Secretary