

**MINUTES**  
**Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley**

The Hills Restaurant

660 Park Road

Waterbury, CT 06708

Friday, November 13, 2009, 12 Noon

**COGCNV Members:** Karen Wilson, Alternate, Beacon Falls; Jeff Hamel, First Selectman, Bethlehem; Bob Mezzo, Mayor, Naugatuck; Mary Ann Drayton-Rogers, First Selectman, Oxford; Bob Chatfield, Mayor, Prospect; Bill Davis, First Selectman, Southbury; Terry Caldarone, Alternate, Waterbury; Roy Cavanaugh, Alternate, Watertown; Gerald Stomski, First Selectman Elect, Woodbury.

**Speakers and Guests:** Jennifer March-Wackers, CRCOG; David Fink, Partnership for Strong Communities; Dimple Desai, Office of Policy and Management; Stephen Livingston, ConnDOT; Kristen Bulkovitch, United Way of Greater Waterbury; Mary Morrone, Wolcott; Dave Monckton, Public Works, Woodbury; Jim Stewart, Public Works, Naugatuck; Sheila Baummer, Recycling Coordinator, Naugatuck; Wayne Watt, Public Works, Oxford; Mark Piccarillo, Public Works, Bethlehem; Eddie Bea, Public Works, Beacon Falls; Tom Crowe, Public Works, Southbury; Paul Nonnemacher, CRRRA; Kenny Curran, Congressman Chris Murphy's Office, Kevin Cak, public.

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

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

Secretary Bob Chatfield called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the roll was called. There was no public comment.

**2. Administrative Items**

- a. *Minutes of October 23, 2009 Meeting* — On a motion by Mary Ann Drayton-Rogers, seconded by Bill Davis, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the October 23, 2009 COGCNV meeting.

- b. *Financial Report* — Peter Dorpalen reported that as of October 31, 2009, COGCNV was 34% through the fiscal year and had expended 30% of its operating budget. Including pass-through funds, 36% of the total budget has been expended. All DEMHS grant monies for COGCNV for this year have been expended. On a motion by Mary Ann Drayton-Rogers, seconded by Bill Davis, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the financial report.

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

October 5, 2009	Letter to OPM and the Planning & Development Committee of the State Legislature commenting on Wallingford's request to redesignate 61 acres in Cheshire in the State Plan of Conservation and Development
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November 6, 2009	Letters of congratulation to re-elected and newly elected mayors and first selectmen
November 12, 2009	Letter to OPM requesting a three month funding extension for the Municipal Government Training Academy, which will permit classes to continue through March 2010
November 12, 2009	Letter of support from COGCNV staff for a grant to publicize the Southbury Farmers Market

On a motion by Bill Davis, seconded by Mary Ann Drayton-Rogers, it was unanimously voted to add the United Way Annual Campaign to the administrative items.

- d. *United Way Annual Campaign* — Kristen Bulkovitch spoke about United Way’s partnership with municipalities. United Way’s three major areas of focus are income, education, and basic needs. She discussed the agency’s involvement with the city of Waterbury’s Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. She reviewed the 2-1-1 program statistics as shown in United Way’s annual report, and asked the chief elected officials to give United Way the opportunity to speak to their employees concerning the annual campaign.

3. **Beyond the CRRA Agreement - Proposed solid waste management authority**

Jennifer March-Wackers spoke about CRCOG’s efforts to form a regional resource recovery authority to handle solid waste. She outlined the timeline, governance options, implementation, and potential benefits of the proposed authority. CRCOG has determined that there is a viable private market for solid waste disposal for towns. Paul Nonnemacher said CRRA encourages municipalities to explore their solid waste disposal options. He explained that CRRA will have difficulty in responding to RFPs as they are required by statute to operate their facilities at net cost of operation. Their operators’ contracts expire in 2011. Without knowing how much it will cost CRRA to pay the operators to run the facilities, they will be unable to tell municipalities what the tip fee will be. Jennifer March-Wackers said CRCOG is aware of CRRA’s situation and will try to include them in the process. Paul Nonnemacher said there is an CRRA advisory committee meeting on November 18.

4. **HomeConnecticut**

David Fink said the HomeConnecticut program is no longer on hold, and explained how it operates. Dimple Desai said the program is supported by the legislature, as evidenced by its restored funding, and a variety of municipalities are participating. Funding will be on a sliding scale. Bob Mezzo had questions concerning the program and will contact Dimple Desai later.

5. **Project Updates**

- a. *DEMHS Region 5* — Virginia Mason thanked the municipalities for sending in their proxies for the November 9 meeting. The REOP was approved at the meeting. Revisions to the spending plan were also made. The emergency planning committee met on November 12 and decided to buy additional sheltering supplies from the 07 grant that will be distributed to the towns. The 08 grant has been submitted.

- b. *Naugatuck River Greenway Routing Study* — Sam Gold reported that the kick-off meeting for the study took place in September. Public workshops will be held on November 17 and 18. A logo selection/voting website has been established for the study, accessible from the COGCNV website.
- c. *2-1-1 Human Services Transportation Hotline* — Sam Gold said that information contained in this social services database should be available soon for review. 2-1-1 is supported by Connecticut United Ways and the State of Connecticut.
- d. *Bus Stop Sign Project* — Sam Gold displayed samples of the new bus signs for the Waterbury area routes. The new signs should be completely installed by the end of November. If municipalities have any concerns about where the signs are located, they should call Northeast Transportation at the number on the back of the sign.

**6. Regional Business**

Virginia Mason said COGCNV made arrangements for CLEAR to make presentations on roles and responsibilities, legal statutes, inland wetlands, and site plan review for new planning and zoning commissioners. Presentations will take place in February and March of 2010.

Joe Perrelli said a public information meeting for the Rte 8 study concerning exits 22 through 30 will take place in Naugatuck on November 17. Some recommendations and alternatives are now ready for review.

**7. Other**

Virginia Mason said the duck COGCNV purchased for Beacon Falls' Parade of Ducks event has been installed behind the Beacon Falls Senior Center, along the river, close to Rte 8. She displayed images of the completed project.

**8. Adjournment**

At 12:55 p.m., on a motion by Mary Ann Drayton-Rogers, seconded by Bob Mezzo, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by  
Lauren Rizzo  
Administrative Assistant

for

Robert Chatfield  
Secretary