

MINUTES
Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley

Oxford House
441 Oxford Road
Oxford, CT

Friday, April 9, 2010, 12:00 Noon

COGCNV Members: Susan Cable, First Selectman, Karen Wilson, Alternate, Beacon Falls; Bob Mezzo, Mayor, Naugatuck; Mary Ann Drayton-Rogers, First Selectman, Oxford; Bill Davis, First Selectman, Southbury; Ed Mone, First Selectman, Thomaston; Roy Cavanaugh, Alternate, Watertown; Tom Dunn, Mayor, Wolcott; Gerald Stomski, First Selectman, Woodbury.

Speakers and Guests: Barbara Perkinson, Second Selectman, Woodbury; James Redeker, Chief, Bureau of Public Transportation, Michael Sanders, Transit Administrator, CTDOT; Joe Spina, Peter Vaccarelli, North East Transportation; Kathy MacNamara, City of Waterbury; Stephen Livingston, CTDOT; Liam Sweeney, Senator Chris Dodd's Office; Paul Nonnenmacher, CRRA.

Staff: Peter Dorpalen, Executive Director; Virginia Mason, Assistant Director; Samuel Gold, Senior Planner; Joe Perrelli, Regional Planner; Glenda Prentiss, GIS Coordinator; Trish Bauer, Financial Manager; Lauren Rizzo, Administrative Assistant.

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

Chairman Tom Dunn called the meeting to order at 12:08 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 March 12, 2010 Meeting* — On a motion by Gerald Stomski, seconded by Mary Ann Drayton-Rogers, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the March 12, 2010 COGCNV meeting.

- b. *Financial Report* — Peter Dorpalen reported that as of March 31, 2010, COGCNV was 75% through the fiscal year and had expended 71% of its operating budget. Including pass-through funds, 81% of the total budget has been expended. He reviewed the revised COGCNV budget for FY 2009-10, with explanations for changes in income and expenses as outlined in Memorandum 031910F. On a motion by Susan Cable, seconded by Gerald Stomski, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the revisions in the fiscal year 2009-10 budget, as presented in Memorandum 031910F.

- c. *Correspondence* — There was no correspondence.

3. Hartford - New Britain Busway and Service to Waterbury

James Redeker, Chief, Bureau of Public Transportation at CTDOT, gave an overview of the New Britain-Hartford Busway project and introduced Michael Sanders, Transit Administrator of the Bureau of Public Transportation at CTDOT. Mr. Sanders described the planning process for the Hartford-New Britain busway, a dedicated bus rapid transit (BRT) facility along a 9.4 mile corridor between downtown New Britain and downtown Hartford. The busway project was the recommended option for improving travel times along the I-84 corridor west of Hartford. The project will also feature park and ride connections from Cheshire and Waterbury. Express routes from Waterbury to Hartford and New Britain are planned,

as well as an express route from Cheshire to Hartford.

4. **Transportation Planning**

- a. *Naugatuck River Greenway Routing Study* — Sam Gold said Federal Highway Administrator Victor Mandez visited Waterbury on April 7 and was given a tour of the greenway corridor. In March, two public workshops about the greenway were held, one in Watertown and one in Beacon Falls. Both were well attended. The draft routing study is expected to be completed in May; presentations to the towns and COGCNV will follow.
- b. *Diversion Plan for I-84, Route 8 & Route 7 – Consultant Selection* — Joe Perrelli said COGCNV's consultant selection committee for the Diversion plan recommended Wilbur Smith Associates to conduct the study. If a satisfactory scope of work and budget are negotiated with Wilbur Smith Associates, the firm will develop diversion plans for I-84, Route 7 and Route 8 in Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security (DEMHS) Region 5. The end result will be the creation of diversion plans that will identify alternate routes to divert traffic around an incident on limited-access highways. The diversion plans will be funded under the DEMHS Region 5 FY 2008 Spending Plan.

On a motion by Susan Cable, seconded by Ed Mone, it was unanimously

VOTED: To authorize Chairman Thomas G. Dunn to enter into an agreement with Wilbur Smith Associates to conduct the Diversion Plans for I-84, Route 7, and Route 8, upon the negotiation of a satisfactory scope of work and budget.

- c. *FY10 5310 Mini-Bus Grant Priorities* — Virginia Mason said COGCNV received applications from Oxford, Southbury, and Wolcott. The 2010 ranking criteria were standardized by CTDOT and included questions related to the Locally Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan (LOCHSTP). Staff evaluated the applications based on CTDOT criteria, as described in the application, including a specific requirement of public notices. The criteria and point system are described in Memorandum 040510. Table 1 of Memorandum 040510 details the evaluation of the applications with the ranking results. On a motion by Mary Ann Drayton-Rogers, seconded by Ed Mone, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the FY 2010 Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 priority list as presented in Memorandum 040510.

- d. *New Freedom Initiatives* — Sam Gold said applications are available for this federally funded program for expansion of disabled transportation. Several COGCNV towns have services funded through New Freedom Initiatives.

5. **Emergency Planning**

Virginia Mason said the Emergency Planning Committee met recently to discuss the FY 09 budget for the REPT meeting in June. A second representative from Region 5 is needed for the steering committee. Michael Devine, the assistant fire marshal in Woodbury, has volunteered for this. COGCNV approval is required for his appointment. On a motion by Roy Cavanaugh, seconded by Bill Davis, it was unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Michael Devine as Region 5 second representative to the DEMHS steering committee.

6. Municipal Solid Waste Options

Peter Dorpalen reported on a recent COGCNV meeting to discuss solid waste options available to towns. CRRA presented options available to municipalities when existing agreements expire in 2012. CRCOG was also at the meeting and presented a proposed regional approach to solid waste management through a Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority.

7. Regional Business

Virginia Mason said three requests had been received asking for COGCNV support. Wolcott is requesting support for its Small Cities Grant, and Southbury and Woodbury are requesting support for open space projects. On a motion by Ed Mone, seconded by Bob Mezzo, it was unanimously

VOTED: To add requests for COGCNV endorsement for projects in Wolcott, Southbury, and Woodbury to the agenda.

Virginia Mason showed the location of the three projects and explained how they are in conformance with COGCNV's Regional Plan of Conservation and Development. On a motion by Susan Cable, seconded by Bill Davis, it was unanimously

VOTED: To endorse Wolcott's request for a Small Cities Grant, and Woodbury's and Southbury's requests for open space projects.

8. Other

Joe Perrelli said there is a household hazardous waste event on April 24 in Watertown.

Sam Gold said an electronics recycling event sponsored by CRRA will be held on April 10 at the CRRA transfer station in Watertown.

Virginia Mason said a question and answer program - HomeConnecticut 3 Years In: Its Value and Its Promise will be held on April 21 at The Lyceum in Hartford.

9. Adjournment

At 12:55 p.m., on a motion by Gerald Stomski, seconded by Susan Cable, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Lauren Rizzo
Administrative Assistant

for

Robert Chatfield
Secretary