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Municipal Services Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 22, 2021
12 Noon

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Members and Alternates

Peter Souza, Chair
Grace Tiezzi
Jim Rupert
Bob Skinner
Mark Walter
John Lawlor
Lori Spielman
Courtney Lindberg
Robert Lee
Melissa Appleby
David Nourse
Ether Diaz

Town/Organization

Windsor
Avon
Bolton
Canton
Columbia
East Hartford
Ellington
Manchester
Plainville
Simsbury
Southington
South Windsor

CRCOG Staff

Kimberly Bona
Lyle Wray
Pauline Yoder

CRCOG
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Guests

Mike Bisi
Michael Looney
April Regan

CCSWA Chair
CCSWA Vice Chair
USA Recycle

Chairperson Mr. Peter Souza called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm.

1. Adoption of Minutes: May 18, 2021

Mr. Souza requested a motion to adopt the minutes. Lori Spielman made a motion to adopt the May 18, 2021, Municipal Service Committee minutes as presented. Bob Lee seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Solid Waste Discussion

Chairman Souza stated there was an informal discussion/meeting of the solid waste subcommittee on June 17th, comprised of Jim Hayden, Matt Hart, Tom Roy, Mike Zebrunski, Mike Bisi, Peter Souza, Scott Colby, and other Windsor staff members, to discuss the solid waste issue. He explained that there is a tentative meeting scheduled with MIRA's Tom Kirk on Thursday, June 30th at 2:30pm. After meeting with Tom Kirk, the subcommittee will make efforts to meet with the appropriate contact at DEEP to further discuss next steps pertaining to the solid waste crisis.

4. CRCOG Municipal Services 2021-2022 Work Plan

Pauline Yoder reviewed highlights of the CRCOG Municipal Services 2021-2022 Work Plan. Discussion followed.

Mike Looney and John Lawlor expressed that they had unfortunate issues when doing business with Simple Recycling and wanted to provide heads up to CRCOG for future RFP/RFQ's, etc.

Chairman Souza requested that the recent job opportunity within CRCOG be shared among committee members.

5. Status Reports

Kim Bona stated the treated road salt bid will be closing on June 24th. Results will be posted and sent to members the following week.

6. Municipal Sharing

Peter Souza asked about the status of the Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP) grant. Pauline Yoder stated it is in the budget, but it is not confirmed.

Mark Walter spoke about limitations associated with spending CARES Act funding for municipalities and inquired about a potential regional approach for broadband improvements. Dr. Wray stated ARPA funding is being discussed with CCM and feels broadband will be one of the first items discussed.

Peter Souza inquired about workforce development. Dr. Wray explained that this is underway, and the first two pieces of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) have been implemented. CRCOG continues to work with Capital Workforce Partners and other agencies on workforce as it is a priority. He explained that there is a large gap with respect to job training, but this continues to be a work in progress. Dr. Wray stated they are currently waiting on federal funding as well.

Chairman Souza asked members if they feel it would be helpful for CRCOG to maintain a list of projects municipalities are spending their CARES funding on. Committee members concurred that this would be very helpful. Pauline Yoder and Kim Bona will work on putting something together for members to track project expenditures.

7. Adjournment

With no further business, Chairman Peter Souza motioned to adjourn at 12:36 pm and the motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Municipal Services Committee will be Tuesday, September 21, 2021.