

**Capitol Region Council of Governments**  
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**Municipal Services Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 16, 2021**  
**12 Noon**

\* Meeting access is remote only, consistent with provisions specified in Executive Order No. 7B.

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**Members and Alternates**

Peter Souza, Chair  
Grace Tiezzi  
Robert Skinner  
Mark Walter  
John Elsesser  
Lori Spielman  
Ryan Aylesworth  
Melissa Appleby  
David Nourse  
Mike Rosen

**Town/Organization**

Windsor  
Avon  
Canton  
Columbia  
Coventry  
Ellington  
Mansfield  
Simsbury  
Southington  
Tolland

**CRCOG Staff**

Kimberly Bona  
Tim Malone  
Aaliyah Miller  
Lyle Wray  
Pauline Yoder

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**Guests**

None.

Chairperson Mr. Peter Souza called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

### **1. Adoption of Minutes: February 16, 2021**

Mr. Souza requested a motion to adopt the minutes. John Elsesser made a motion to adopt the February 16, 2021 Municipal Service Committee minutes as presented. Grace Tiezzi seconded the motion and the motion carried, with Melissa Appleby abstaining.

### **2. Public Comment**

No public comment.

### **3. Municipal Zoning for 5G Discussion**

Pauline Yoder asked for feedback from the committee with respect to whether this is something they would like to have done on a consistent, regional basis. John Elsesser feels that “model regulations” may be something to consider. Discussion followed. Pauline Yoder will work with the Planning Department regarding next steps to move forward with this.

### **4. Potential Regional Affordable Housing Plan Discussion**

Pauline Yoder asked the committee members if there is any interest in pursuing a Regional Affordable Housing Plan. A few towns stated this has already been satisfied in their town via the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). Peter Souza inquired about CRCOG assisting with data collection on a regional level. Discussion followed. Consensus was that a regional data collection/analysis from CRCOG would be very helpful.

### **5. [Status Reports](#)**

### **6. Municipal Information Sharing**

Pauline Yoder stated she attended the MIRA Town Meeting this morning and provided a brief update to the members. She explained that tip fees will be increasing to \$105 per ton, and that come 2023, the plan is that MIRA towns will be landfilling in Virginia and Ohio. Discussion followed.

Pauline Yoder shared that CRCOG is planning its 2021 Annual Town Meeting for June 2<sup>nd</sup>. She asked that this year’s program will include a portion called “Rise to the Challenge”, which will focus on ways municipalities adjusted business during the COVID pandemic. She asked anyone that is interested in sharing what they did during the pandemic, to please reach out to herself, Kim Bona, or Aaliyah Miller.

Discussion ensued regarding the “American Rescue Plan.” Committee members shared various ideas as to how they plan to utilize this funding. John Elsesser asked if any towns have interest in sharing funds with CRCOG to allow for an updated GIS/ESRI system; perhaps to obtain some sort of group license. Members felt this was a good idea.

## **7. Adjournment**

With no further business, Chairman Peter Souza entertained a motion to adjourn. Lori Spielman made a motion to adjourn at 12:47pm, and the motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Municipal Services Committee will be Tuesday, April 20, 2021.