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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 2nd. 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.