

**Capitol Region Council of Governments**  
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**Municipal Services Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 20, 2023**  
**12 Noon**

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**Members and Alternates**

Grace Tiezzi, Acting Chairperson  
Bob Skinner  
Mark Walter  
Lori Spielman  
Tom Modzelewski  
Jonathan Luiz  
Kasia Purciello  
Kimberly Lord  
Tom Fitzgerald  
David Nourse  
Megan Massa  
Fred Presley

**Town/Organization**

Avon  
Canton  
Columbia  
Ellington  
Ellington  
Glastonbury  
Manchester  
Manchester  
Simsbury  
Southington  
Tolland  
Wethersfield

**CRCOG Staff**

Kimberly Bona  
Maureen Goulet  
Matt Hart  
Elizabeth Sanderson  
Pauline Yoder

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**Guests**

David Murphy

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**1. Call to Order/Introductions**

Acting Chairperson Ms. Grace Tiezzi called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

**2. Approval of Minutes:**

- **May 16, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Lori Spielman requested a motion to adopt the minutes of the May 16, 2023, meeting. Mr. Fred Presley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3. Reports from the Chair and Staff**

- **Executive Director**

Mr. Matt Hart stated on June 12th, CRCOG had a productive work session with the Policy Board to discuss CRCOG's strategic vision for the next three to five years. Goals include improving road safety (Vision Zero) regional housing, continuing to build network for multiuse trails, improve economic vitality and more. CRCOG will continue to work towards a draft of the strategic playbook and will bring it back to MSC in the fall for review and discussion.

Mr. Hart thanked those who attended the annual meeting on Thursday, stating it was a great meeting and an enjoyable time had by all. CRCOG recognized and thanked Mr. John Elsesser and Mr. Richard Johnson for their many years of work and dedication to the towns of Coventry and Glastonbury and the region and wished them well in their retirements.

Mr. Hart stated all the Council of Governments (COG's) across the state will be increasing the allocation of the Regional Services Grant funding from approximately \$4.2mm to \$7mm. CRCOG's will be receiving an increase in funding of approximately \$500,000 this year. Mr. Hart explained that CRCOG looks forward to this additional funding and he and Ms. Yoder have been having discussions about potentially expanding staffing by adding key positions to the CRCOG team.

- **Chief Operating Officer**

Ms. Pauline Yoder stated the RPIP grant programs for Building Official/Code Enforcement and Animal Control Officers shared services are moving slowly as CRCOG is still seeking participation from interested and willing municipal partners.

Ms. Yoder stated that CRCOG will be speaking at the Connecticut Building Officials Association (CBOA) meeting in September as CRCOG's recruitment for a part time BO position did not yield any qualified candidates. CRCOG will consider exploring a full time BO position next.

Ms. Yoder explained that the ACO program has a couple sub-regions (Hebron, Columbia, Andover and Newington, Berlin, Vernon, Wethersfield) interested in partnering for these services therefore, she is hopeful that it will move forward soon.

- **Other**

Ms. Yoder stated that on June 27, 2023, the Human Services Coordinating Council (HSCC) will meet to discuss how Opioid Settlements impact communities. For more information, please see the [Save the Date](#).

**4. Business Items:**

- **ResilientCT 2.0, David Murphy, Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation (CIRCA)**

Mr. David Murphy presented to the committee on Resilient Connecticut 2.0, a planning effort to help expand the Climate Change Vulnerability Index and aid development of the “resilience project pipeline”. The presentation may be viewed [here](#).

**5. Municipal Information Sharing**

None.

**6. Future Agenda Items:**

- **Continue Stormwater Management discussion**
- **Local Government Workforce Development**
- **Other**

Mr. Hart stated that going forward, RPIP Programs will be a future agenda item as well.

**7. Adjournment**

With no further business, Ms. Tiezzi entertained a motion to adjourn at 12:40 pm and the motion carried unanimously.