

CRCOG Municipal Services Committee

Meeting

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

12 pm

Minutes

Members and Alternates

Peter Souza, Chair
Jon Colman
Bob Skinner
Lori Spielman
Jonathan Luiz
Kasia Purciello
Maria Capriola
Andy Cirioli
Tom Fitzgerald
David Nourse
Megan Massa
Fred Presley
Peter Tanaka

Town/Organization

Windsor
Bloomfield
Canton
Ellington
Glastonbury
Manchester
Mansfield
Plainville
Simsbury
Southington
Tolland
Wethersfield
Willington

CRCOG Staff

Cheryl Assis
Kim Bona
Matt Hart
Aaliyah Miller
Erik Snowden
Pauline Yoder

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Guests

Amanda Gilbride

Plainville Social Media Coordinator

1. Call to Order/Introductions

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

2. Approval of Minutes:

• **March 19, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Lori Spielman motioned to approve the March 19, 2024, MSC meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Kasia Purciello seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Dawn Maselak abstaining.

3. Reports from the Chair and Staff

- **Committee Chair**
- **Executive Director**

Mr. Hart provided an update on House Bill 5056- An Act Facilitating the Expansion of Shared Municipal Services. He explained that CRCOG continues to work closely with CCM and COST on offering suggestions as to how this bill can be improved. He will keep the committee informed of its progression.

Mr. Hart stated the Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA) Executive Committee met virtually on April 15th and approved amendments to the current CCSWA Bylaws and Ordinance in an effort to simplify the document and to encourage membership. CCSWA is beginning work on an organic diversion project with assistance from CRCOG staff. Finally, CRCOG received notification from DEEP that CRCOG has been awarded a Regional Waste Authority (RWA) grant which will be used towards strengthening CCSWA.

Mr. Hart reminded the committee that CRCOG will host an open house at its new office location (350 Church Street, 3rd Floor, Hartford, CT) on April 24th from 3pm - 5pm. Parking tickets for members will be validated and encouraged everyone to come.

- **Chief Operating Officer**
- **Other**

Ms. Kim Bona stated that the CRPC will soon be collecting quantities for the Treated Road Salt bid that is being issued on June 6th. This is a NO PIGGYBACKING bid, so quantities must be submitted no later than May 13th to kbona@crcog.org.

Ms. Bona informed the members that the CRPC recently issued an RFP for an Energy Consultant to assist the Electricity Consortium with reverse auction this fall to seek a new electricity supplier for participating towns. The review committee evaluated proposals and is recommending the contract be awarded to Titan Energy. This will be brought to the Policy Board on April 24th for review and action.

4. Business Items

- **Social Media Initiatives – Town of Plainville** (Andy Cirioli, Plainville Assistant Town Manager)

Mr. Cirioli and Amanda Gilbride, Social Media Coordinator for the town of Plainville, provided a very interesting and informative presentation to the committee on the town's recent and ongoing social media efforts. To view the presentation, please click [here](#).

- **RPIP Discussion** – (Matt Hart, Pauline Yoder)

Mr. Hart provided the committee with an update on the RPIP programs. Ms. Pauline Yoder explained that CRCOG has been struggling to gain traction as the programs are lacking interest from towns and asked for feedback as to how CRCOG may improve participation. Discussion followed.

5. Municipal Information Sharing

6. Future Agenda Items

- **Stormwater Management and/or Waste Management**
- **Legislative Issues**
- **Other?**

7. Adjournment

With no further business, Chairperson Souza entertained a motion to adjourn at 1:05pm. The meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.

The next CRCOG Municipal Services meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

