



NOTICE OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING On Location at Norbrook Farm Brewery

LEAVE TODAY'S MEETING WITH:

- *A great opportunity to converse in-person with your colleagues surrounded by the beautiful fall foliage of the NW Hills*
 - *Discussion of Agri-tourism Opportunities and Challenges in the Region*
 - *CAMA/GIS Grant Funds/2024-25 Regional Salary Survey Update*
 - *Updates on MSW, NWCT EDC, Transportation, DEMHS and more*

DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024

TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:45 AM

LOCATION: NORBROOK FARM BREWERY, 204 STILLMAN ROAD, COLEBROOK

AGENDA

(Chairman Dan Jerram; Vice Chairman Mike Criss; Secretary Patrick Roy; Treasurer Tom Weik)

1. Call to order and opportunity for public comment, **Dan Jerram, Chair – 5 mins**
2. Report of the Executive Director, **Rob Phillips – 15 mins**
 - a. ED activity log – September (*Attachment A*)
 - b. Oct 19th HHW event at Torrington WPC reminder
 - c. NHCOC **Quarterly Compass** newsletter released
 - d. Regional Service Grant (RSG) FY23-24 Annual Report (*Attachment B*)
 - e. Municipal Solid Waste/Regional Waste Authority progress update
3. Introduction of **John and Randy Auclair from Norbrook Farm Brewery**, tour of the facility and follow up discussion of Agri-tourism/Brewery/Winery challenges and successes within the region – **45 mins**
4. Parcel and CAMA Improvement Grants from the State GIS Office, **Alfredo Hererra and Ashley Benitez, OPM - 15 mins**
5. 2024 Annual salary survey collaboration between NHCOC and CCM, **Max Friedman, CCM and Jean Speck – 10 mins**
6. Northwest CT EDC Collaborative update, **Rista Malanca – 5 mins**
 - a. EPA, Technical Grant: Recreation Economy for Rural Communities
<https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/recreation-economy-rural-communities>

ACTION: To Authorize NHCOC staff to submit an application to RERC Program and demonstrate support from local community.

7. Transportation Update, **Kathryn Faraci – 5 mins**

- a. STIP Amendment – DOT is requesting NHCOC approval for \$1.2 million federal funding under the USDOT Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient and Cost Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program to assess and determine vulnerability and risks to the transportation infrastructure and services from current and future major natural events. (*Attachment C*)

ACTION: To approve project #0170-PROTECT22-23 funding of \$1.2 million for a Non-Coastal CT Resilience Improvement Plan.

- b. Transit Analysis Study Update

8. DEMHS update, **John Field, DEMHS R5 - 5 mins**

- a. Update on Fiduciary responsibility of the Incident Management Team (IMT) moving from regions 1, 2 and 5 to all regions state-wide.

9. Administrative Items - **5 mins**

- a. **ACTION** – Endorsement of 2024 Legislative Committee (**Criss, Roy, Raap, Carusillo, Harrington**) and any nominations from the floor
- b. **ACTION** - Approval of Financial Auditing Services for NHCOC for 3-year term with option of two additional annual extensions
- c. **ACTION** - Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2024 (*Attachment D*)
- d. **ACTION** - Approval of Monthly Financial Statement for August (*Attachment E*)
- e. Correspondence – Letter of Support for the City of Torrington for an application to the USDOT Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program for a redesign of the Route 202 Columbus Square area (*Attachment F*)

10. Meeting adjournment

Next NHCOC Regular Monthly Meeting – Thursday, November 14th, 2024 at 10AM
LOCATION/FORMAT - TBD