



Minutes of the June 18, 2025 Meeting of the Southeastern CT Council of Governments

PRESENT:

Bozrah	Glenn Pianka	New London	Michael Passero
Colchester	-	North Stonington	-
East Lyme	Dan Cunningham	Norwich	-
Franklin	Alden Miner	Preston	Sandra Allyn-Gauthier
Griswold	Tina Falck	Salem	Ed Chmielewski
Jewett City	Lori Sorder	Sprague	-
City of Groton	-	Town of Stonington	Danielle Chesebrough
Town of Groton	John Burt	Stonington Borough	-
Lebanon	Kevin Cwikla	Waterford	Rob Brule
Ledyard	Fred Allyn	Windham	Tom DeVivo, Rob Zarnetske
Lisbon	Tom Sparkman	SEAT Rep (MPO)	Tom Sparkman
Montville	-	CT DOT Rep (MPO)	Jennifer Pacacha
Military Liaisons:	US Coast Guard Academy: Lt. Victoria Sparacino New London SUBASE: Captain Ken Curtin		
Tribal Affiliates:	Mohegan Tribe: - Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation: -		

SECOG staff: Amanda Kennedy, Kate Rattan, Avery Holzworth. seCTer: RT Brown. Office of Sen. Murphy: Erin McBride, interns. Office of Rep. Courtney: Noah Carver. Office of Sen. Blumenthal: Ellen Graham. Health Districts: Jennifer Muggeo. Eversource: Jaquan Samuels, Rebecca Spurrier. SEAT: Mike Carroll. SUBASE: Steve Sadlowski. DEMHS: Mike Caplet.

1) Call to Order:

- a) Secretary DeVivo called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Roll Call:

- a) A quorum was present to vote on all matters.

3) Act on Minutes of the May 14th meeting:

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- a) MOTION: To approve the minutes (Cwikla, Sparkman). Motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Treasurer's Report:
 - a) MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report (Cwikla, Sparkman). SECOG Treasurer Cunningham spoke to the validity and accuracy of the prepared Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.
- 5) Communications
 - a) Ms. Kennedy shared an email regarding the availability of community broadband project funding (application deadline 6/30) and asked if any municipalities had received funding through the first round of grants. New London, and Lisbon did.
- 6) Public Comment:
 - a) Ms. Spurrier of Eversource provided an update including that Eversource is available to provide information workshops on a number of topics.
- 7) Guest Speaker:
 - a) Kate Rattan, SECOG's Director of Transportation Planning, spoke about the development of a Regional Safety Action Plan. The Plan is a federal requirement that is meant to advance a goal of reducing fatalities and serious injuries from motor vehicle crashes to zero. The plan will identify higher-risk locations and strategies to reduce crash risk. Ms. Rattan reviewed data on crash locations and contributing factors and asked for input from board members regarding causes that need to be addressed, as well as specific strategies that could be effective. Members discussed issues of distracted and reckless driving and the need for greater enforcement of traffic laws.
- 8) Committee and Liaison Reports:
 - a) Executive Committee
 - i) Ms. Kennedy stated that the Executive Committee had approved SECOG's July Board meeting to take place at the SUBASE, with tours of the Base, and potentially a submarine, to immediately follow. Ms. Kennedy will work with BASE personnel regarding logistics.
 - ii) Motion: To approve Agreement Regarding Transportation Planning & Funding in the Norwich New London Urbanized Area (Cwikla, Sparkman). Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Rattan reviewed the purpose of this document and how it changed from the previous version. It is a required agreement that establishes planning roles among SEAT, CTDOT, and SECOG. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b) Legislative Committee – Mr. Allyn provided an update on legislative items related to municipal matters in the SECOG region, include the requirement for video

cameras recording absentee ballot dropbox activity. The Street Takeover bill passed but requires municipal ordinances. Mr. Allyn noted that property tax issues were worsening housing insecurity. Members discussed the possible convening of a meeting with legislators over the summer. Ms. Kennedy mentioned SECOG's 2018 task force work on tax exempt properties and Mr. Passero asked that she re-share it.

- c) Tribal Liaisons – No update.
 - d) Military Community – Capt. Curtin shared that he was pleased to host SECOG next month and that a change of command would occur in September. He feels that the SUBASE/SECOG relationship is mutually beneficial. Lt. Sparacino thanked members who attended CGA graduation.
 - e) Congressional Office Report – Mr. Carver (Courtney), Ms. McBride (Murphy), and Ms. Graham (Blumenthal) provided updates.
 - f) seCTer – Mr. Brown mentioned that seCTer would be holding a small business “pitch” event at Tox Brewery.
 - g) Eastern CT Tourism District- No update.
 - h) SEAT – Mr. Carroll stated that ridership was steady.
 - i) Regional Water Committee- No update.
 - j) Regional Emergency Planning Team- Mr. Caplet reminded members that the REPT Committee will meet in early September.
 - k) Human Services – No update.
 - l) Cultural Coalition- No update.
 - m) Health Districts – Ms. Muggeo noted that the State budget cut health district funding by 10%.
 - n) Solid Waste Committee – SECOG is preparing an application for CT DEEP SMM funds to develop case study road maps for reducing waste in six towns.
- 9) Executive Director's Report:
- a) Ms. Kennedy shared that SECOG has been selected to receive \$1.2 M in EPA brownfields funds to prepare reuse assessments in multiple communities.
 - b) Ms. Kennedy shared that SECOG's Planner I Dan Robinson is available to provide municipal planning assistance to towns that are short-staffed.
 - c) Ms. Kennedy introduced SECOG's Sustainable CT fellow, Avery Holzworth.
- 10) Old Business
- a) There was no old business to report on.

11) New Business

- a) MOTION: To approve the TIP amendments as of May 2025 (Burt, DeVivo).
Motion passed unanimously.

0057-0123	GRISWOLD- NHS - REPLACE BR 00293 o/ BISHOP CROSSING ROAD
0170-3780	STATEWIDE-TRAFFIC SAFETY ANALYTICS - CRSMS (S154)
0094-0270	NEW LONDON- ROUTE 32 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS
0170-3749	STATEWIDE- DETECTION UPGRADES AT VARIOUS URBAN AREA TRAFFIC SIGNALS (Stonington)
0170-3750	STATEWIDE- DETECTION UPGRADES AT VARIOUS RURAL AREA TRAFFIC SIGNALS (Ledyard, North Stonington)
0085-0147	REHAB BR 03426 o/ THAMES RIVER, NEC RR AND P&W RR (Montville, Preston)
0085-0146	CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS SOUTH OF CT 82 (Montville, Salem)

12)Next Meeting

- a) Ms. Kennedy reminded the Board that the next meeting will take place at SUBASE New London. Mr. Chmielewski asked that the Board consider enabling remote attendance to meetings.

13)Adjournment

- a) MOTION: To adjourn the meeting (Cwikla, Chmielewski). Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.