



**SOUTHEASTERN
CONNECTICUT
COUNCIL OF
GOVERNMENTS**

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Representing 22 towns, cities, and
boroughs in Southeastern
Connecticut.

Meeting Summary: June 17, 2026 Meeting of the Southeastern CT Council of Governments

Present:

Bozrah	-	New London	Michael Passero
Colchester	-	North Stonington	Bob Carlson
East Lyme	-	Norwich	-
Franklin	-	Preston	-
Griswold	Tina Falck	Salem	-
Jewett City	-	Sprague	-
City of Groton	-	Town of Stonington	-
Town of Groton	-	Stonington Borough	Michael Schefers
Lebanon	Kathleen Smith	Waterford	-
Ledyard	-	Windham	Tom DeVivo
Lisbon	-	SEAT Rep (MPO)	-
Montville	-	CT DOT Rep (MPO)	Ricky Milliner
Military Liaisons:	US Coast Guard Academy: Capt Joshua Fant, Lt. Victoria Sparacino New London SUBASE:		
Tribal Affiliates:	Mohegan Tribe: - Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation: Bob Hayward		

Additional Attendees: SECOG: Amanda Kennedy, Taylor Lussier, Kate Rattan, Helen Zincavage, Phylcia Adams, Dominic Anziano, Doug Colter, Tyler Frost, Niko Xenophantos, Addie Concascia. Office of Rep. Courtney: Noah Carver. Office of Sen. Murphy: Erin McBride. Office of Sen. Blumenthal: Ellen Graham. DEMHS: Josh Cingranelli. Eversource: Jaquan Samuels. seCTer: Paul Whitescarver.

1) Call to Order:

- a) The meeting was called to order by Bob Carlson at 8:33 am.

2) Roll Call:

- a) Ms. Kennedy determined that a quorum was not present.

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3) Act on Minutes of the May meeting *Action Item*

a) MOTION: To approve the May meeting minutes (*No action taken due to lack of quorum*)

4) Treasurer's Report *Action Item*

a) MOTION: To approve the June 2026 Treasurer's Report. (*No action taken due to lack of quorum*)

5) Communications: It was noted that the meeting was being hosted by the Coast Guard Academy as part of a regional outreach effort.

6) Public Comment: None

7) Speaker: Captain Joshua Fant, Coast Guard Academy

Captain Joshua Fant, Chief of Mission Support, presented an overview of the Academy's \$455 million modernization effort. 92% of the Academy's buildings are over 50 years old, with many originally built in 1932. Major projects include an Aquatic Center, a new facility featuring a 60-meter pool (the largest in Connecticut), 600 spectator seats, and 300 parking spots. Completion is anticipated in late 2028 or early 2029. In addition, the proposed STEM Building (Maritime Center of Excellence) a 110,000-square-foot facility will include a 240-foot tow tank for ship modeling and advanced labs for chemistry, cyber, and marine engineering. Groundbreaking is expected in summer 2027. Lastly, ongoing renovations at the Chase Hall (Barracks) are focusing on fire/life safety, habitability, and modernizing electrical infrastructure. Captain Fant highlighted that while prime contractors like Whiting-Turner manage these large projects, they utilize local subcontractors and tradesmen from the southeastern Connecticut region. He noted that these projects will compete for the same skilled labor pool as other regional developments, such as Electric Boat and local housing projects.

8) Committee and Liaison Reports

a) Executive Committee

i) Minutes

- ii) Resolution: FY 2027 OPM RSG Workplan (Proposed Motion: That the SECOG Board adopt resolution to authorize grant agreement with CT OPM for \$1,056,911.96 in Regional Services Grant funding for FY 2027.) Due to the lack of a quorum, the board could not vote on the resolution to authorize the FY 2027 Regional Services Grant for \$1,056,911.96. A special Zoom meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 24 at 8:30 AM to address this action item.
- b) Legislative Committee: A summary of the 2026 legislative session will be distributed next month.
- c) Tribal Liaison Representatives: Bob Hayward extended the meeting invitation to meeting attendees to visit Mashantucket and the Mohegan Nation. He highlighted regional attractions such as Foxwoods Resort Casino, Great Wolf Lodge, the Pequot Museum, and a 30-story zip line. He expressed interest in the Coast Guard Academy's cadet volunteer program, stating they would pass information about these opportunities along to "the driver house".
- d) Military Command Representatives:
- e) Congressional Office Reports: The House Armed Services Committee passed the NDAA, including funding for two Virginia Class submarines and one Columbia Class. Efforts continue for the National Coast Guard Museum.
- f) seCTer - Reported on partnerships with Electric Boat for workforce development and housing. Mentioned a new \$500,000 USDA micro-loan program available for regional businesses.
- g) Eastern CT Tourism District- none
- h) SEAT- none
- i) Regional Water Committee - none
- j) Regional Emergency Planning Team - none
- k) Regional Human Services Coordinating Council - none
- l) Southeastern CT Cultural Coalition - none

- m) Health Districts: Reported ongoing beach water sampling and mosquito monitoring. They are currently monitoring for Ebola and measles risks among travelers, with protocols in place for first responder safety.
- n) Solid Waste Committee – none
- o) Affordable Housing Goal Policy Committee: ([summary of last meeting](#)) Discussed developable land inventory and transit-oriented development. The committee is seeking more participation from towns in these planning sessions.

9) New Business:

a) TIP Amendments

0094-0261	Rehab Br 03819 – NB Gold Star Phase 1B & 2
0103-0278	Safety Improvements Along SR642(W. Town Street) at Sturtevant St EB
170S-SNON	CE Sign Support Inspection-non-NHA Roads

MOTION: To adopt the 3 TIP Amendments. (*No action taken due to lack of quorum*)

10) [Executive Director's Report](#):

- a) Staffing: SECOG is now fully staffed after six months of hiring. New staff members introduced include Niko Xenophantos (Grants Administrator), Daniel Kogstad (Transportation), and Phylcia Adams (Housing Planner).
- b) Regional Planning: Staff is meeting with town leadership and commissioners re PA 25-1 and is recruiting community liaisons for brownfield projects in Windham and Sprague.
- c) Transportation: Updates were provided on the Amtrak capacity study (New Haven to Providence) and upcoming solicitations for shoreline paths and local service engineering.

11) Discussion:

- a) Hurricane Season: Eversource reminded municipalities of quarterly emergency response meetings and the availability of \$2,500 Community Impact Grants.
- b) Building Officials: SECOG has the capacity to assist towns with building official services following the completion of work in Montville.

12) Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 8:30 AM, at SECOG.

13) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.