MINUTES OF THE 9/17/2009
HVCEO MEETING
AT BROOKFIELD, CT TOWN HALL

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES ATTENDING

Bethel……..Absent

Bridgewater……Alternate Robert Brown

Brookfield……First Selectman Robert Silvaggi

Danbury…….. Mayor Mark Boughton

New Fairfield……..First Selectman John Hodge

New Milford……Mayor Patricia Murphy, Chairman

Newtown……First Selectman Joseph Borst

Redding……..First Selectman Natalie Ketcham

Ridgefield……First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Secretary-Treasurer

Sherman……First Selectman Andrea O'Connor, Vice Chairman

OTHERS ATTENDING

From CT OPM Undersecretary David LeVasseur and Dimple Desai, Newtown Health Director Donna Culbert, Ann Marie Mitchell from Newtown, Dr. Thomas Draper, Richard Schreiner of HART, New Milford Fire Marshal Karen Facey, Danbury Deputy Fire Marshal Jordan Leach, Lynn Waller of Danbury, and from the HVCEO staff Camille Acquanita, David Hannon and Jonathan Chew.

CALL TO ORDER / PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Patricia Murphy at 12:35 PM, after which attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Public comment was made by Ann Marie Mitchell of Newtown concerning Hawleyville land use issues.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS

--- Minutes from 6/18/2009 and 6/22/2009: On a motion made by Joe Borst and seconded by Andrea O'Connor the minutes of the meetings of 6/18/2009 and 6/22/2009 were unanimously approved.

--- Financial Statements for 6/2009, 7/2009 and 8/2009: On a motion made by Andrea O'Connor and seconded by Joe Borst the financial statements for 6/2009, 7/2009 and 8/2009 were unanimously approved.

--- Transportation Improvement Program Amendments: Jon Chew reviewed the amendments requested by Conn DOT and HVCEO staff. These were for Conn DOT funding for the I-84 Environmental Impact Statement, additional funding for the HART administrative capital and service vehicle program, and in Redding Route 107 intersection improvements at its intersection with Route 57 and also its intersection with Main Street. A resolution of TIP amendment approval was presented. Then on a motion made by Andrea O'Connor and a second by Bob Silvaggi the TIP amendments were unanimously approved.

--- Revise Requirements for Small Transportation Projects:

This agenda attachment, a one page proposal for simplification of the administration for small federally funded transportation projects, was approved for staff distribution.

OVERVIEW OF NEW ARRA STIMULUS OMBUDSMAN SERVICES AT CT OPM

A presentation was made on this topic by CT OPM Undersecretary David LeVasseur, accompanied by OPM regional contact person Dimple Desai. A discussion followed.

PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING H1N1 INFLUENZA OUTBREAK

Donna Culbert, Newtown Health Director and Chair of the Housatonic Valley Public Health Emergency Planning Committee, addressed the Council with a PowerPoint presentation on this topic. A discussion followed.

COORDINATION OF JUVENILE FIRESETTER INTERVENTION

New Milford Fire Marshal Karen Facey and Danbury Deputy Fire Marshal Jordan Leach presented on this topic, also accompanied by an agenda attachment. The presentation from the June meeting was summarized, whereby Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Programs currently operating in Danbury and New Milford would be coordinated with the region's remaining towns.

A draft regional policy for coordination of this issue was discussed and reached the point of a motion and second in favor. However, after further discussion these actions were withdrawn in favor of additional preparation of the policy and its review by additional fire marshals.

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF REVISING PROBATE DISTRICTS

Members reviewed the results of the last discussion on this topic, held at a special meeting on June 22.

TOPICS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

Jon Chew reviewed upcoming meetings and topics. The Council meet at HART on January 21, 2010.

POTENTIAL FOR MULTI-TOWN BIDDING OF REVALUATION CONTRACTS

Mark Boughton raised this topic, stating that area municipalities could benefit by multi-town bidding of revaluation contracts as recently authorized by the legislature. A lower per parcel fee may result, he said. It was agreed this topic will be a discussion item at the October meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on a motion made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 2:10.