

Minutes from the RTM Public Works Committee – Special Session June 9th, 2014

In Attendance: Frank Adelman, Mark Adiletta, Jim Cameron, Katie Keith, Nina Miller, Holly Schultz, David Young, Thomas Moore, Allison Stolar, Patti Bumgardner

Absent: Ellyn Coyne, Dick Poli, Jay Hardison

First order of Business: A special Meeting of the PW Committee was called to order by Mr. Adiletta at 7:36, Monday night, June 9th to discuss Resolution 14-16, the proposal that Darien join the Western CT Planning Region (WCPR) along with 17 other municipalities.

Major questions discussed were:

How will this be funded?

At present, the SWRPA receives \$13,000.00 from the state. If Darien joins the COG, Darien will receive \$125,000.00 from the state as well as 50 cents per person. This money will come from Hotel and car rental taxes, to name a few sources.

What will the COG do?

As a regional planning agency for the 18 towns in the WCPR, planning for watersheds, transportation, affordable housing, education, public works and other inter municipal services are a few of the 25 different aspects of the COG working relationships.

5 of the 8 communities in the SWRPA region have joined and all communities must decide by December 31st, 2014. IF 60% of communities say yes to joining, the COG will be formed officially.

One representative from each town/city will represent their community. If towns don't join, they won't have a "seat at the table" to discuss how to move forward in tackling the problems facing our region.

As the committee began to lose its space due to RTM members arriving for the Regular RTM Meeting the meeting was adjourned by Frank Adelman and seconded by Patti Bumgardner at 8:52 pm.

Remaining items will be picked up at a future meeting.

Nina Miller
June 10, 2014