



Chairman – Gordon Ridgway | Vice Chairman – Denise Raap | Secretary – Greg LaCava | Treasurer – Patrick Roy

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8th, 2026

TIME: 10AM – 11:30AM

LOCATION: REMOTE ONLY

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85085183091?pwd=RZlwAFcmgLe25n1puyOagoniwr81F.1>

Meeting ID: 850 8518 3091

Passcode: 012498

Call-in Option: 1-312-626-6799

AGENDA

1. Call to Order, **Gordon Ridgway, Chair** – 5 MINS
2. Opportunity for Public Comment.
3. **Member Round Table** – Town Updates of Mutual Interest or Advisement to the Membership – 20 MINS

BUSINESS MEETING

4. **Approval of administrative Items, Staff** - 5 MINS
 - a. NHCOG Regular Meeting Minutes for September 10, 2026 (*Attachment A*)
 - b. Monthly Financial Statement – through August, **Annmarie Ryan** (*Attachment B*)
 - c. Potential Action – Endorsement of 2026 Legislative Committee (Currently = **Criss, Roy, Raap, Carusillo, Harrington, Bremer**) and potential floor nominations
5. **Report of the Executive Director, Rob Phillips** – 5 MINS
 - a. ED Meeting Activity Report (*Attachment C*)
 - b. Next HHW date is October 24th at Torrington Transfer Facility on Bogue Road (Harwinton) 9AM to 2PM
 - c. Regional Service Grant (RSG) FY25-26 Annual Report (*Attachment D*)
 - d. Letters of Support to NCLC:
 - Mohawk Forest Expansion (*Attachment E*)
 - Camp Workcoeman (*Attachment F*)
 - Camp Strang (*Attachment G*)
6. **Economic and Community Development Updates, Rista Malanca** – 5 MINS

- a. Project Summary Report (*Attachment H*)
 - b. **POTENTIAL ACTION** – Support Grant Submission to FY25 EDA Disaster Recovery Program for a new initiative entitled “RISE” for Economic Development Resilience within the region.
7. **Housing and Downtown Management, Grace Rennison – 5 MINS**
- a. Project Summary Report (*Attachment I*)
8. **DEMHS and Special Projects, Sarah Better – 5 MINS**
- a. Project Summary Report (*Attachment J*)
9. **Transportation Planning, Erik Shortell – 5 MINS**
- a. Public Works Collaborative Update
 - b. Submitted 4 Active Transportation Microgrants for towns of Cannan, North Cannan, New Hartford and Norfolk
 - c. Wrote PROTECT Letter of Support for Norfolk (*Attachment K*)
10. **Rural Health & Human Services, Leo Ghio – 10 MINS**
- a. Community Health Navigator Introductions
 - b. Fred Rosa, Charlotte Hungerford Hospital/NW EMS Director – Mobile Stoke Unit
11. **DEMHS update, Chris Bernier | R5 Coordinator - 5 MINS** – or written report may be provided.
12. **NRRA update, Curtis Rand/Rachel Oster – 5 MINS** – or written report may be provided.

OTHER BUSINESS

13. **PRESENTATION:** Regional Fire Service Working Group, **State Comptroller Sean Scanlon – 20 MINS**
14. **Meeting adjournment**

NEXT NHCOC MEETING – Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 10AM – Location/Format TBD.
