NHCOG
— Northwest Hills —
Council of Governments

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

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12th, 2026
TIME: 10AM – 11:30AM

LOCATION: IN-PERSON at NHCOG OFFICES – 355 Goshen Rd, Litchfield, CT
(with a remote link below)

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88495328686?pwd=Wx5MJTIvs9ptjtYUhdxabsN0fn4lAt.1
Meeting ID: 884 9532 8686
Passcode: 074682

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 October 8, 2026 *(Attachment A)*
   b. Monthly Financial Statement – through September, **Annmarie Ryan** *(Attachment B)*
   c. 2027 NHCOG Monthly Meeting Schedule (*Attachment C*)
   d. NHCOG Financial Management Plan (*Attachment D*)

5. **Report of the Executive Director, Rob Phillips – 5 MINS**
   a. ED Meeting Activity Report (*Attachment E*)
   b. Leo Ghio will be recognized on the 40 Under 40 NWCT Chamber of Commerce Awards – Nov 19th at Infinity Hall in Norfolk.
   c. Rista Malanca was honored with CEDAS 2026 Member of the Year Award.
   d. HHW Recap - October 24th at Torrington Transfer Facility.
   e. Letters of Support to Torrington for OSWA grant application – John Brown property preservation (*Attachment F*)
   f. Upcoming meetings:
      - Public Works Equipment Collaborative (PWEC) – Dec 2nd at NHCOG
      - Annual Legislative Breakfast – Dec 1st at NHCOG

6. **Economic and Community Development Updates, Rista Malanca – 5 MINS**
    a. Project Summary Report (*Attachment G*)

7. **Housing and Downtown Management, Grace Rennison – 5 MINS**
    a. Project Summary Report (*Attachment H*)

8. **DEMHS and Special Projects, Sarah Better – 5 MINS**
    a. Project Summary Report (*Attachment I*)

9. **Transportation Planning, Erik Shortell – 5 MINS**
    a. Public Works Collaborative Update – Both pieces of equipment being built
    b. Active Transportation Microgrants selected for towns of North Cannan and Norfolk
    c. SS4A – VN Engineers

10. **Rural Health & Human Services, Leo Ghio – 5 MINS**
    a. Community Health Navigator Monthly Activity Report (*To be Provided*)
    b. Regional Grant and Project Development Position Update

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:** The Dangers and Misuse of Rodenticides, **Cassandra McKenna, Save CT Wildlife – 15 MINS**

14. **Meeting adjournment**

NEXT NHCOG MEETING – Thursday, December 10, 2026 at 10AM at NHCOG Offices
HOLIDAY MEETING | IN-PERSON ONLY !
