TOWN OF WARREN BOARD OF SELECTMAN

Notice of Selectman's Meeting via Zoom

DATE: July 21, 2020 Time: 5:00 P.M. Place: Zoom Meeting

- 1. Minutes of July 7, 2020
- 2. Public Comment
- 3. Additions to the Agenda
- 4. Homeland Security Grant Program
- 5. Resignation: S Bates
- 6. Fire Company truck
- 7. Registrar/Town Clerk Cyber security review regarding election infrastructure
- 8. First Selectman's report
- 9. Discussion of salary compensation adjustment
- 10. Executive Session: personnel matters
- 11. Public comment

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Dear Region 5 CEOs and EMDs:

The FY 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program will be awarded on or before September 1. The Region 5 REPT will receive a FY 2020 subgrant award with a start date of October 1, 2020.

Attached please find a blanket resolution document and the Region 5 FY 2020 HSGP MOA document for Region 5 towns/cities.

ATTACHMENT 1: Memorandum of Agreement Document

This document is a requirement for receiving Homeland Security Grant Funds and serves the following functions:

- Details state use of local Homeland Security funds and the administration of the DEMHS Region 5
 - Homeland Security Grant Program;
- II. Details the terms of custodial ownership of assets purchased with regional Homeland Security funds.

The attachment is a fillable PDF that auto populates data into the document. <u>Please fill out the data sheet on the first page</u> to auto populate the document, then print and follow the instructions on the page two checklist.

ATTACHMENT 2: Blanket Resolution Template

All memoranda of agreement require an authorizing resolution. We strongly recommend that you use the blanket resolution template (a blanket does not specify a grant year) as this is the language approved by the Office of the State Attorney General. If you have a blanket resolution with the same town CEO from the previous HSGP MOA's, you may attach a **SEALED** copy to this MOA. If the CEO has changed, or if the resolution references a specific grant year, you must submit a new **SEALED** blanket resolution.

Please note: if the municipality's current resolution references Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, we would ask that you pass a new blanket resolution that references Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (attached)

MOAs and Resolutions can be submitted to the Fiduciary Agent **Electronically**. (please be sure to use a pencil to show the seal on the Resolution).

Completed MOA's and Resolution are due on or before **October 20, 2020** to the Region 5 REPT Fiduciary Agent:

Rick Lynn (<u>rlynn@northwesthillscog.org</u>) Executive Director Northwest Hills Council of Governments 59 Torrington Road Suite A-1 Goshen, CT 06756

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this document or the Homeland Security Grant Program, please feel free to contact the DEMHS Grants Unit at <u>DEMHS.HSGP@ct.gov</u>

Thank you.

Rita M. Stewart

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Message

Wed, Jul 15, 2020 8:34 AM

From:

Susan Bates <bonzo2@optonline.net>

To:

Timothy Angevine

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Subject:

Fwd: Thank you

Dear Tim,

I would like to thank the Town of Warren for giving me the privilege of serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission for all these years.

I would like to thank all the other members of the Planning and Zoning Commission. We have shared many hours as volunteers trying to fulfill the wishes of our fellow residents. It has been an honor to work with you.

Sadly the time has come and I am submitting my resignation as a member of this Board, effective immediately.

Susan H. Bates



DENISE W. MERRILL

SECRETARY OF THE STATE CONNECTICUT

June 12, 2020

Dear Colleagues:

I appreciate the attention you are paying to the increased threats posed to our election system, specifically the November elections. The federal government has evidence of persistent and evolving efforts to compromise these elections through cyberattacks, some of them sophisticated probes from hostile nation-states. While addressing this serious problem, we have the additional burden of dealing with COVID-19.

These are serious challenges, but nothing is more important to the functioning of our democracy than our ability to enable Connecticut citizens to vote freely and safely. Our commitment to ensure secure elections will require even more attention and work in 2020. I will do all that I can to support you in order to achieve safe, secure elections.

I am very pleased to share with you the good news that the Connecticut Military Department (CTMD) has agreed to work with us to assess our municipal cybersecurity infrastructure.

The CTMD has trained personnel able to look at our election cybersecurity systems and render advice based on what it finds. Using the current U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Cyber Resilience Review (CRR) Self-Assessment Package, the Guard is able to assess each municipality's cybersecurity posture regarding election infrastructure, policies, and procedures.

I have asked the CTMD to conduct municipal cybersecurity risk assessments related to election infrastructure. The CTMD will evaluate the CRR results and determine where it might productively conduct municipal assistance visits and complete risk assessments for you. The CTMD will offer you its evaluation of your election cybersecurity posture based on the DHS Cyber Resilience Review results and provide recommendations for enhanced or remedial action.

I want to make three things clear. First, the nature of the threats we face present an obligation to offer our assistance and resources, and not to leave you alone to fight potential nation-state intrusion by yourself, without essential expertise. Second, you continue to be the key manager of your elections; my office is in no way seeking to assume new duties or responsibilities. Finally, we know how strapped municipal budgets are right now, so we are offering these services without cost to your towns. We want you to operate as you have in the past with the

added help of evaluation and professional audits that can enable you to identify weaknesses and prepare for challenges we see coming at us at the state and municipal levels.

The CTMD will send you and the town elections officials a preliminary project plan describing the services to be offered to you, the contact personnel with whom you can discuss the needed work, and some guidance regarding how the Connecticut Military Department will work with you and with my office to overcome the new obstacles we face in the coming elections.

This year's general election will likely be the most difficult we have seen in recent memory, and I cannot think of a more important effort than to see that they succeed without interference or disruption. I am pleased to be able to make these additional CTMD services available. Please take full advantage of them.

My team and I are here to work with you and to respond to any questions you may have.

Thank you for your service to your municipality, to Connecticut, and to the democratic process.

Sincerely,

Denise W. Merrill