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NECCOG Special Meeting

February 18, 2022 - 8:30 am - Remote VIA ZOOM

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The purpose of this meeting is to meet with the region's state legislative delegation to discuss key issues impacting northeastern Connecticut.

Agenda

1. **Open Meeting and Introductions** - Tracey Hanson, Chair
2. **Opening Remarks** - Legislators comments on the legislative session and key issues from their perspective:
 - Senator Champagne, 35th
 - Senator Flexer, 29th
 - Senator Somers, 18th
 - Representative Boyd, 50th
 - Representative Dauphinais, 44th
 - Representative Dubitsky, 47th
 - Representative Hayes, 51st
 - Representative Lanoue, 45th
 - Representative Nuccio, 53rd
3. **Issues for Discussion**
 - **Property Tax Reform**
 - ▶ Fully fund Payments In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT),
 - ▶ Eliminate partial exemptions from local property taxes unless fully replaced by state aid,
 - ▶ Tighten the administrative application "490" to minimize its misapplication, especially for open space lands,
 - ▶ Make adjustments to PILOT to accurately reflect the value of open space and forest lands,
 - ▶ Fully fund special education or, at a minimum, increase state funding for the cost of special education.
 - ▶ Reject seductive proposals, such as:
 - ▶ Providing cities and towns with a means for revenue diversification (local option sales tax or local option income tax). The competition for a robust property tax base would simply be replaced by competition for sales tax base or income tax base, and towns that are not fiscally healthy would continue to be disadvantaged.
 - ▶ Eliminating property taxes on motor vehicles with no replacement revenue to towns/regions.
 - ▶ Granting additional property tax exemptions without full PILOT reimbursement.
 - ▶ Provide policymakers with up-to-date facts and independent analyses - Conduct a tax incidence study on a biennial basis, as is required by law
 - **Remote Meetings**
 - **Funding GOGs and Regionalism**
 - **HVAC Systems**
 - **Body Cameras and Dashboard Cameras for ACOs**
 - **Education Funding Formulas**
 - **Land Use**
 - ▶ Reducing lot-size mandates to 1/8 acre or less, anywhere there is sewer and water infrastructure.
 - ▶ Allow commissions to merge to streamline permitting and save on costs
4. **Adjourn**