

REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
Darien, Connecticut
Town Government Structure and Administration
(TGS&A) Committee

Please be advised that:

1) The meeting of the TGS&A Committee originally scheduled for 7:30pm Monday June 2, 2014, Town Auditorium, Room B-3, has been cancelled.

2) A "Special Meeting" of the Committee has been called for 7:00pm Monday June 9, 2014, Town Hall, room 119.

This "Special Meeting" will address item 14-16 on the RTM agenda for 6/9: "Consideration and action on an ordinance approving the formation of a regional council of governments (COG)."

The agenda for this Special Meeting will be:

- A. A review of matters related to item 14-16 on the RTM agenda of June 9, 2014
- B. Consideration of recommendations forwarded by other Committees of the RTM for modifications of the draft ordinance.
- C. Consideration of recommendations of this Committee for modification of the draft ordinance.
- D. Preparation of a report to the RTM, outlining the recommendations of this Committee.
- E. Adjournment

Please note that a "Special Meeting" may only take up topics that are listed on the agenda.

Frank Kemp, Chairman

Attachment: Draft ordinance authorizing Town of Darien to join the Western Connecticut Regional Council of Governments, with explanatory cover letter from Town Counsel

To: Sarah Seeley and Frank Kemp

From: Ed Schmidt

Cc Wayne Fox

Date: 5/27/14

Re: Cover letter for COG ordinance.

Dear Sarah and Frank:

As you know this proposed COG ordinance is substantially similar to Wilton and New Canaan ordinances.

The Darien ordinance would confirm that (1) Darien agrees to join the Western Connecticut Regional Council of Governments; and (2) this resolution is effective upon at least 60% of the municipalities voting to join this regional council and upon certification by Secretary of OPM.

This ordinance would also confirm that if the Western Connecticut Regional Council is established, the existing January 15, 1962 ordinance, as amended, that established the South Western Regional Planning Agency, is repealed. This language is intended to avoid any gap in services relating to the transition from SWERPA to the Western Connecticut Regional Council of Governments.

Please let Wayne or I know if you have any questions.

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TOWN OF DARIEN TO JOIN
THE WESTERN CONNECTICUT REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

Sec. 1. The Town of Darien hereby agrees to join the Western Connecticut Regional Council of Governments, pursuant to G.S. §4-124i through 4-124p, as amended.

Sec. 2. The Town of Darien will join the Western Connecticut Regional Council of Governments when and as such Council is duly established in accordance with said statutes. Western Connecticut Regional Council of Governments may be duly established if sixty (60%) percent of all municipalities within the new planning region vote to join the new Western Connecticut Regional Council of Governments and upon certification by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management that a Regional Council of Governments has been duly established.

Sec. 3. The first selectman shall represent the town of Darien on the Western Connecticut Regional Council of Governments. In addition, the board of selectmen shall appoint one of its members as an alternate representative. The alternate shall serve a term of two (2) years or for the balance of the term of their elected office, whichever is less.

Sec. 4. Upon the establishment of the Western Connecticut Regional Council of Governments and the expiration of a transitional period provided for in G.S. 4-124l, the Town does hereby rescind the ordinance of January 15, 1962 and any amendments thereto, that authorized the Town's participation in the South Western Regional Planning Agency. Specifically, Chapter 54, Article III, Sec. 54-41 to 54 -43.