

**July 23, 2009 – Regional Roundtable Notes**  
**Location: Norwalk Transit District**

**Regional Roundtable: Fiscal Responsibility**

The featured speakers, Mr. Michael Guarco and Mr. George McLaughlin are members of the CT Municipal Consortium for Fiscal Responsibility, a volunteer organization whose mission is to: enhance communication between and among local municipal, finance and education officials on issues affecting them before the Legislature; educate and advise members of the CT Legislature and Executive branch about challenges posed to local government by State actions past, present and contemplated; and, to advocate for legislative changes to permit CT communities to live within their means without negatively impacting needed services, education and property tax rates. Their current priorities are to reverse prevailing wage laws, modify binding arbitration, eliminate unfunded mandates, and to testify on proposed legislation and projects that are not fiscally responsible.

Wilton and Weston have endorsed the mission of the Consortium for Fiscal Responsibility. As of the MPO meeting, there are 219 boards and communities that support the Consortium for Fiscal Responsibility. Mr. Guarco requested that the MPO support the Consortium and its mission, and assist in getting municipalities and their boards to enlist.

On a motion by Mr. Walker that was seconded by Mr. Brennan, the MPO resolved to support the Consortium for Fiscal Responsibility. Abstaining were Mr. Schulman (official voting representative for Mayor Moccia, Norwalk), Mr. Jeremy Ginsberg (official voting representative for Mrs. Evonne Klein), and Mr. Mani Poola (official voting representative for Mayor Malloy, Stamford).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Schulman, seconded by Mr. Walker, and carried unanimously.

The meeting minutes were approved by the MPO on July 23, 2009.