

Speaker's Tourism Panel
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 18, 2018
Middlesex Chamber of Commerce

Meeting began at 3:40pm

Members present: Don DeVivo(Chair), Rodney Butler, Gregg Dancho, David Skelly, Ed Dresel, Ed Dombroskas, Helen Higgins, Jeff Muthersbaugh, Johanna Bond, Charles Bunnell, Schott Phelps, Paul Mayer, Stephen Tagliatela

Member Introductions were made.

Ed has asked for an advanced preview of Governor-elect Lamont's tourism agenda. None was provided from Steve T. The details to governor tourism policy committee will be announced at a press conference tomorrow, Wed Dec 19th.

Don D. stated to everyone what the charge of the panel is: looking at the past, present and future of tourism in Connecticut. The goal is to ultimately provide recommendations to the Speaker by early March.

Don discussed regional meetings, including format, locations, and dates. Looking for what they believe would work best for the panel.

The panel spoke over the phone with John Borget of Whitten Analytics to see his schedule and if he can provide industry expertise on the subject matter.

Dates for regional meetings:

Norwalk Aquarium January 18th at 10:00am

Foxwoods January 23rd at 2:30pm

Hartford Location TBD January 31st at 2:30pm

Yale Peabody Museum February 11th at 2:30pm

They also set a meeting at the Wadsworth Mansion museum on January 2nd at 2:30pm. Part of the agenda of the meeting is to discuss and set the scope of the regional meetings.

Discussion was had on tourism funding including what level it currently is and where it is going.

Discussion was had on how to get the dates and locations of regional meetings to the tourism stakeholders.

Don DeVivo adjourned the meeting at 5:05pm.