LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, August 30, 2021 – 7:00 pm
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Members:
Chester  Mike Sanders *
        Cindy Lignar
Clinton  Alan Kravitz
        Martin Jaffe
Cromwell Nick Demetriades *
        Anthony LaCava *
Deep River Tony Bolduc
Durham   Frank DeFelice *
East Haddam Crary Brownell
        Lou Salicrup
East Hampton Michael Kowalczyk *
Essex    Jane Siris *
        Sandra Childress *
Haddam   Raul deBrigard * (7:18)
        Maurice Adams
Killingworth Alec Martin *
        Stephanie Warren *
Lyme     Mary Stone *
        Humphrey Tyler *
Middlefield Paul Pizzo * (7:15)
Middletown Beth Emery *
        Kellin Atherton *
Old Lyme Harold Thompson
Old Saybrook Douglas McCracken *
        Karen Jo Marcolini
Portland  Mary Dickerson *
Westbrook Bill Neale *
        Marie Farrell

*Members Present

Staff Present:
Sam Gold
Margot Burns
Kevin Armstrong
Eliza LoPresti
Torrance Downes
Megan Jouflas

Guests: John Moritz, Hearst Papers

1. Call to Order
   Chairman DeFelice called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. The meeting was conducted via Zoom.

2. Roll Call
   Eliza LoPresti called the roll

3. Seating of Alternates – No alternates were seated

4. Adoption of Agenda
   Ms. Dickerson moved to adopt the agenda; second by Mr. Martin. Vote was unanimous in favor.

5. Public Comment – None

6. Approval of the Minutes of Past Meetings
   Ms. Emery moved to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2021 regular meeting; second by Mr. Neale. Vote was unanimous in favor.

7. Recommendation of Draft Regional Plan of Conservation & Development to the Council of Governments for Approval
   Mr. Neale moved to approve the Regional Plan of Conservation & Development to be submitted to the Council of Governments for their approval; second by Ms. Emery. Vote was unanimous in favor.

   The next steps include referral to the COG for their meeting of Sept. 22, 2021. Then FHI will work on the online implementation of the final content. The process for corrections, if necessary, was outlined. This would include possibly going back to public comment if there were issues with content. Amendments can happen to this plan, especially easily since it will live online.

   There was then discussion about including an executive summary for the document that would be created with existing content.

8. Referrals – None

9. Miscellaneous: State, Regional and/or Local Planning Issues
   Mr. Gold discussed the fact that municipal land use commissions will now need to receive training and identified COGs to OPM as a good possible partner to help provide the training.

10. Adjournment
    Mr. deBrigard moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm; second by Mr. Neale. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eliza LoPresti