



Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments

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Regional Planning Committee

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

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Megan Joufflas

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

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