LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 25, 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
            Maurice Adams
Killingworth Alec Martin
            Stephanie Warren
Lyme         Mary Stone
            Humphrey Tyler *
Middlefield  Paul Pizzo
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
Megan Jouflas
Guests: None

1. **Call to Order**
   Mary Dickerson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The meeting was conducted via Zoom.

2. **Roll Call**
   Eliza LoPresti called the roll.

3. **Seating of Alternates** – Sandra Childress (Essex) and Humphrey Tyler (Lyme) were seated.

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

5. **Public Comments** – None

6. **Approval of the Minutes of Past Meetings**
   *Mr. Bolduc moved to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2021 meeting; second by Ms. Emery. Vote was unanimous in favor.*

7. **Updates**
   a. **RPOCD**
      The consultants and staff are working on getting everything up on the website. Mr. Armstrong showed the interactive map(s) he has been working on. The executive summary and its Spanish translation are also ready to go.

      Mr. Bolduc asked if the mapping will be available to towns; then answer is yes. Mr. Armstrong discussed the next step for RiverCOG mapping in general, which will be a downloadable library on the website.

   b. **Regional Housing Plan**
      The public launch for the plan occurred on Oct. 12th; committee members were thanked for attending and participating. The consultants are fleshing out the regional component of the plan. In January there will be another public presentation and the plan will start to be bridged with the specific town annexes that will launch around that same time.

   c. **Stone Wall Ordinance Discussion**
      Mr. Neale discussed the ordinances he found while researching the topic. In Westbrook, the POCD discusses the keeping of stone walls and Mr. Neale is interested in saving them in the region, to preserve the natural character. Ms. Dickerson noted that Portland has stone wall counts, and that stone walls can’t be moved without the historical society’s knowledge, but they don’t have any protection. Ms. Childress noted that she did not agree with the provision that the stone wall be replaced with the same material, as she has a stone wall that needs repair which is composed party of cement, and she wouldn’t want to replace the crumbling cement with more cement.

8. **Referrals** – None
9. **Miscellaneous: State, Regional and/or Local Planning Issues**
   Ms. Dickerson asked if anyone had created an ordinance to delay a decision on cannabis; East Hampton has created a one-year moratorium through the Town Council, Deep River has one for six months through the P&Z, and Old Saybrook has one created through Zoning.

10. **Adjournment**
    *Mr. Neale moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm; second by Mr. Bolduc. Vote was unanimous in favor.*

Respectfully submitted,
Eliza LoPresti