



Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments

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Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments and Lower Connecticut River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization

MINUTES OF REGIONAL HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 16, 2023 – 1:30 PM

Members Present: Pat Bandzes (Chester), Abby Piersall (Clinton), Stuart Popper (Cromwell), Angus McDonald (Deep River), Jim Ventres (East Haddam), Roy Gauthier (East Hampton), David Rosengren (Essex), Richard Pleines (Killingworth), David Lahm (Lyme), Jim Irish (Middlefield), Marek Kozikowski (Middletown), Michael Fogliano (Old Lyme), Dan Bourret (Portland)

Others Present: Tony Bolduc (Deep River), Jeremy DeCarli (East Hampton), Carey Duques (Essex), John Guskowski (various towns)

RiverCOG Staff Present: Megan Jouflas, Sam Gold, Eliza LoPresti, Susie Beckman, Brendan Geraghty

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Jouflas at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom video conference.

Introductions

Overview of Bylaws

Ms. Jouflas gave a presentation with an overview of the bylaws, background information, and more. That presentation can be accessed [here](#).

Election of Officers (discussion)

This agenda item will be carried over to the next meeting.

Staggering of Terms (discussion)

This agenda item will be carried over to the next meeting.

Future Meeting Logistics

Ms. LoPresti will send an email poll and come up with options for a date/time for regular meetings. General consensus was that meetings should be hybrid and during the daytime.

Setting of Agendas

For now, RiverCOG staff will set the agendas based on discussed topics from previous meetings.

Topics for Next Meeting

Discussion on website

What is currently happening in each town with a quick overview of existing conditions

Updated information on home prices

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Officers & terms

Sharing of projects/lessons learned – 1 or 2 towns per meeting

Next meeting: Jim from E. Haddam about ADUs, Jim from Middlefield

There was discussion on which towns have housing commissions and/or authorities. So far the list includes:

Clinton – housing authority that oversees 1 property

Deep River - housing authority

East Hampton – housing authority

Essex – housing authority

Killingworth – housing committee

Lyme – housing committee

Middlefield – housing authority

Old Lyme - affordable housing commission

Respectfully submitted,
Eliza LoPresti