



Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments

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Regional Planning Committee

LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, September 18, 2023 – 7:00 pm

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Members:

Chester	Cindy Lignar *
Clinton	Alan Kravitz *
	Martin Jaffe
Cromwell	Nick Demetriades *
	Anthony LaCava *
Deep River	Tony Bolduc *
Durham	Frank DeFelice *
East Haddam	Crary Brownell
	Debbie Langdon *
East Hampton	Michael Kowalczyk *
Essex	Carey Duques *
	Sandra Childress
Haddam	Raul deBrigard *
Killingworth	Alec Martin *
	Stephanie Warren *
Lyme	Mary Stone *
	David Lahm
Middlefield	Paul Pizzo *
Middletown	Catherine Johnson
	Kellin Atherton *
Old Lyme	Harold Thompson *
Old Saybrook	Douglas McCracken *
	Michael Bender
Portland	Chantal Foster *
	Bob Ellsworth
Westbrook	Bill Neale *
	Marie Farrell

*Members Present

Staff Present:

Sam Gold
Eliza LoPresti
Kevin Armstrong
Megan Jouflas

RiverRPC

1. Call to Order

Chairman DeFelice called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was conducted via Zoom.

2. Roll Call - Eliza LoPresti called the roll.

3. Seating of Alternates –Debbie Langdon (East Haddam) and Kellin Atherton (Middletown) were seated.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Neal moved to adopt the agenda; second by Mr. Kravitz. Vote was unanimous in favor.

5. Public Comment - None

6. Approval of the Minutes of Past Meetings

Ms. Stone moved to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2023 meeting; second by Mr. Neale. Vote was unanimous in favor.

7. RiverCOG RPC Presentation

Mr. Gold and Ms. Jouflas gave a presentation on who and what the COG is and who and what the RPC is, along with their responsibilities. The presentation can be found [LINK TO PRESENTATION ONCE UP ON WEBSITE](#). Following the presentation, there was discussion on other items that could be included; it has been amended as suggested.

8. Referrals – None

9. Miscellaneous: State, Regional and/or Local Planning Issues

Chairman DeFelice brought up regulation of tiny homes. In the building code (IRC 1025), adoption has occurred of appendix Q, which means that it is ok for towns to build and even encourage building of tiny homes. There is no minimum size for a home.

Ms. Stone reported that Lyme is working on their RPOCD and trying to include a robust public interaction. RiverCOG staff is helping with some items.

Mr. Demetriades stated that Cromwell will hold their first planning & zoning open house the following week. Information can be found on their website.

Mr. Atherton stated that \$200,000 has been appropriated for Middletown’s Russell Library to create a feasibility study and capital plan. He is the chair of strategic planning for the library’s trustees.

10. Adjournment

Mr. deBrigard moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm; second by Mr. Kravitz. Vote was unanimous in favor.