



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, October 23, 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 * (7:15)
East Hampton	Michael Kowalczyk *
Essex	Carey Duques
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
Susie Beckman
Margot Burns

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1. Call to Order

Chairman DeFelice called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The meeting was conducted via Zoom.

2. Roll Call - Eliza LoPresti called the roll.**3. Seating of Alternates** –Kellin Atherton (Middletown) was seated.**4. Adoption of Agenda**

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

5. Public Comment - None**6. Approval of the Minutes of Past Meetings**

Mr. Neale moved to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2023 meeting; second by Mr. McCracken. Vote was unanimous in favor.

7. Referrals – None

At this time, Ms. Jouflas and Mr. Armstrong debuted the new referral tracker that is up on the website at <https://www.rivercog.org/regionalservices/referrals/> .

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

- a. **State POCD** – The state is in the process of adopting the 2025 – 2030 POCD. Ms. Jouflas will send information on upcoming meetings out to the group. Mr. Neale suggested the state use the POCD process as a way to flow down ideas from the state to the towns. This led to a discussion on septic systems and possible changes to state regulations in the future.
- b. **HUD PRO Housing Grant Application** – Ms. Jouflas reported that RiverCOG is going to submit an application for this grant. As part of the application process, we are now in a public comment phase and a public meeting will be held the next day, 10/24/23. Information was previously sent out to the group about this; it will be re-sent. She gave a brief synopsis of what the application is proposing; the application was discussed.
- c. **Reminder of Land Use Training Opportunities** – Ms. LoPresti reminded everyone of the upcoming virtual training on 10/30/23 at 2:00 for 1.5 hours. Information on this will be re-sent to the group.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Martin moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm; second by Mr. Neale. Vote was unanimous in favor.