**Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments**

**and Lower Connecticut River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**DRAFT MINUTES OF REGIONAL HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 – 2:00 PM

**Members & Alternates Present:** Pat Bandzes &Bonnie Bennet (Chester), Daniel Smith (Deep River), Juliet Hodge (East Hampton), Jenn Miller (Old Lyme)

**Others Present:** Ben Lovejoy (CT Dept. of Housing), Julia McGrath (Congressman Courtney’s Office), Phillip Shattuck & Rebecca Augur (CT OPM), Karla Lindquist (HOPE Partnership), Michael Fogliano (Old Lyme AH), Zoe Chatfield (Tyche, various towns), Irene Haines (East Haddam), Elizabeth Vinick & Pheobe Ploof (LISC), Diane Arnold, Jeff, Deb Huscher, Juliet Cavanaugh, Cheryl Poirier (Regional EDC)

**RiverCOG Staff Present:** Eliza LoPresti, Susie Beckman, Kevin Armstrong, Megan Jouflas, Marcos Gonzalez

**Call To Order**

Acting Chairperson Pat Bandzes called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm. There was no quorum.

**Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2025 Meetings & March 25, 2025**

No quorum to approve minutes

**Speaker Series: Pheobe Ploof & Elizabeth Vinick from LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation)**

Elizabeth & Pheobe discussed LISC – their slide deck can be viewed [here](https://rivercogct.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/RiverCOG/Ee6wzaNpBh9Fl0x-TieAABwBBiR0nF1FRcDXmj8qqNrIIA?e=tXoN5b).

**Engagement & Education Survey Results**

Megan presented the results from the survey that she sent out earlier in the month, they can be viewed [here](https://rivercogct.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/RiverCOG/EefE3DAQkmNPmr46hyz8SWABHb9KAtfM1vLZmKQrls_dUg?e=01hJrb). This will help inform the public education program that we’ll be putting together shortly.

**Other**

UCONN Technical Assistance to Brownfields program will be holding a regional round table on June 9th at CT State College at Middlesex, more details to follow.

Ben Lovejoy shared the CT geodata hub <https://geodata.ct.gov/pages/housing>

**Adjournment**

*The meeting ended at 3:15 PM.*

Respectfully submitted, Eliza LoPresti