



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

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 – 2:00 PM

Members & Alternates Present: Pat Bandzes (Chester), Abby Piersall (Clinton), Daniel Smith (Deep River), Juliet Hodge (East Hampton), Thomas Pinkowish & Carey Duques (Essex), David Lahm (Lyme), Marek Kozikowski (Middletown), Dan Bourret (Portland), Eric Salmon (Westbrook)

Others Present: Ben Lovejoy (CT Dept. of Housing), Julie Way (Congressman Courtney's Office), Karla Lindquist (HOPE Partnership), Michael Fogliano (Old Lyme AH), Bill Neale (Westbrook)

RiverCOG Staff Present: Eliza LoPresti, Kevin Armstrong, Megan Jouflas

Call To Order

Acting Chairperson Pat Bandzes called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm.

Approval of Minutes of August 27, 2024, September 24, 2024, October 22, 2024, December 17, 2024, & January 28, 2025 Meetings

David Lahm moved to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2024, September 24, 2024, October 22, 2024, December 17, 2024, & January 28, 2025 Meetings; second by Daniel Smith. Vote was unanimously approved.

Update on State HNA & Discussion of Differences from RiverCOG Approach

Megan gave a presentation on this topic; the slide deck can be found [here](#). The presentation can be viewed [here](#), beginning at 3:48.

8-30j Goals and Objectives

Eliza reminded all to fill out the spreadsheet showing where each town is with their goals and objectives from the 8-30j plan. Analysis will be performed on the answers and discussion on this will occur at the March meeting.

Update on Public Engagement Planning

Megan explained the forthcoming grant from CT DOH to create tools for municipalities to use in public engagement on housing issues. Work will most likely begin in May 2025.

Legislative Update

Eliza shared the [bill tracker](#) and explained the premise of some of the housing bills that will be coming up for public hearing shortly.

Other

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None

Adjournment

Juliet Hodge moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:11 pm, second by Pat Bandzes. Vote was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted, Eliza LoPresti