



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, March 25, 2025 – 2:00 PM

Members & Alternates Present: Pat Bandzes & Bonnie Bennet (Chester), Daniel Smith (Deep River), Juliet Hodge (East Hampton), Thomas Pinkowish (Essex), David Lahm (Lyme), Jim Irish (Middlefield), Marek Kozikowski (Middletown), Dan Bourret (Portland)

Others Present: Ben Lovejoy (CT Dept. of Housing), Julie Way & Julia McGrath (Congressman Courtney's Office), Karla Lindquist (HOPE Partnership), Michael Fogliano & Jennifer Miller (Old Lyme AH), Zoe Chatfield (Tyche/Chester/Deep River), Phillip Shattuck (CT OPM)

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

Call To Order

Acting Chairperson Pat Bandzes called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2025 Meeting

There was no quorum.

Public Engagement Technical Assistance Scope

Megan presented the scope of the project that was sent over to CT Dept. of Housing, which can be read [here](#).

8-30j Goals and Objectives

Eliza led a discussion on some of the most-cited goals in the town plans. Slides from that discussion can be viewed [here](#).

Legislative Update

Eliza shared the [bill tracker](#) and some of the bills have been recently deemed joint favorable.

Other

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Eliza LoPresti

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