



# 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, May 27, 2025 – 2:00 PM

**Members & Alternates Present:** Pat Bandzes & Bonnie Bennet (Chester), Abby Piersall (Clinton), Daniel Smith (Deep River), Andrea Webster (East Haddam), Juliet Hodge (East Hampton), Thomas Pinkowish (Essex), Bill Warner (Haddam), David Lahm (Lyme), Jenn Miller (Old Lyme), Dan Bourret (Portland), Eric Salmon (Westbrook)

**Others Present:** Ben Lovejoy (CT Dept. of Housing), Julia McGrath (Congressman Courtney's Office), Zoe Chatfield & John Guskowski (Tyche, various towns), Janice Atkeson (Essex)

**RiverCOG Staff Present:** Eliza LoPresti, Kevin Armstrong, Megan Jouflas, Ella Rogerson, James Tomb

#### **Call To Order**

Acting Chairperson Pat Bandzes called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

#### **Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2025, March 25, 2025 & April 22, 2025 Meetings**

*David Lahm moved to approve the minutes of the 2/25/25, 3/25/25, and 4/22/25 meetings. Second by Dan Bourret. Vote was unanimous in favor.*

#### **Presentation & Discussion on Public Education Program**

Megan gave a presentation on the upcoming public education program; the slides can be viewed [HERE](#), the presentation can be viewed [here](#).

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

The schedule of planned upcoming meetings was discussed. There will be a few shared meetings with the regional economic development committee held at the regular RHC meeting time.

#### **CT Fair Share Study Update**

Megan gave a presentation on the final draft of the study and there was discussion on how this may be put into legislation.

#### **Other**

Ella showed the logo and new name for the technical assistance program: Shared Foundations: Housing Solutions Through Collaborative Learning

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**Adjournment**

*Juliet Hodge made a motion to adjourn at 3:30 pm. Dan Bourret seconded; vote was unanimous in favor.*

Respectfully submitted, Eliza LoPresti