**Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments**

**Regional Housing Committee**

**DRAFT MINUTES OF REGIONAL HOUSING COMMITTEE & REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE JOINT MEETING**

Tuesday, September 23, 2025 – 2:00 PM

**RHC Members & Alternates Present:** Abby Piersall (Clinton), Daniel Smith (Deep River), Juliet Hodge (East Hampton), Carey Duques (Essex), Eric Couture (Killingworth), David Lahm (Lyme), Marek Kozikowski (Middletown), Jennifer Miller (Old Lyme), Kathy Seglund (Old Saybrook), Dan Bourret (Portland), Eric Salmon (Westbrook)

**REDC Members & Alternates Present**: Diane Arnold (Essex), Rodney Bitgood (Cromwell), Chris Cambareri (Middlesex Chamber of Commerce), Rebecca Mead (Middlesex Chamber of Commerce), Sheila McKinley-Bell (Clinton), Melissa Oddo (Haddam), Jeff Brewer (Killingworth), Juliet Cavanaugh (Middletown), Stacie DiNello (Deep River)

**Others Present:** John Guszkowski (Tyche, various towns), Janice Atkeson (Essex), Bill Neale (Westbrook), Rebecca Augur (CT OPM), Ben Lovejoy (CT DOH), Michael Pelton (Portland), Carol Jones (Deep River), Julia McGrath (Congressman Courtney’s Office), Rep. Renee Lamark-Muir (36th District)

**RiverCOG Staff Present:** Eliza LoPresti, Megan Jouflas, Susie Beckman, Kevin Armstrong, Marcos Gonzalex, Jake Capobianco

**Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

**Approval of Minutes of August 26, 2025 Meeting**

*Carey Duques moved to approve the minutes of the 8/26/25 meeting. Second by Juliet Hodge. Vote was unanimous in favor.*

**Brownfields Revitalization with Dale Kroop**

Dale Kroop’s presentation can be found [here](https://rivercogct.sharepoint.com/:p:/s/RiverCOG/EVhGPWUV6ZpJs47JazNkgrYBkfiT5LxdBOy_q38uECWY_A?e=YPhdpg).

**Other**

Ben Lovejoy of DOH encouraged municipalities to apply for the developer’s engagement program.

Susie mentioned that RiverCOG will be applying for an EPA grant to assess regional brownfields this fall.

**Adjournment**

*Carey Duques made a motion to adjourn at 3:25 pm. David Lahm seconded; vote was unanimous in favor.*

Respectfully submitted, Eliza LoPresti