



Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments

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Regional Planning Committee

LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 – 7:00 pm

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Members:

Chester	Mike Sanders *
	Cindy Lignar *
Clinton	Alan Kravitz *
	Martin Jaffe
Cromwell	Nick Demetriades *
	Anthony LaCava *
Deep River	Bruce Edgerton *
	Tony Bolduc
Durham	Frank DeFelice *
East Haddam	Crary Brownell
	Lou Salicrup *
East Hampton	Michael Kowalczyk *
Essex	Jane Siris *
	Sandra Childress *
Haddam	Raul deBrigard
	Maurice Adams *
Killingworth	Alec Martin *
	Stephanie Warren *
Lyme	Mary Stone *
	Humphrey Tyler
Middlefield	Paul Pizzo *
Middletown	Beth Emery *
	Kellin Atherton *
Old Lyme	Harold Thompson
Old Saybrook	Douglas McCracken *
	Karen Jo Marcolini
Portland	Mary Dickerson
Westbrook	Bill Neale *
	Marie Farrell

*Members Present

Staff Present:

Sam Gold
Torrance Downes
Megan Jouflas

RiverRPC

Margot Burns
Eliza LoPresti

Guests: Francisco Gomes, Fitzgerald & Halliday

1. Call to Order

Chairman DeFelice called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. The meeting was conducted via Zoom.

2. Roll Call

Doug McCracken was introduced as that town's new member.

3. Seating of Alternates – Maurice Adams of Middlefield was seated.

4. FHI Presentation of Draft RPOCD

Mr. Gomes of Fitzgerald & Halliday gave a presentation on the first internal draft of the Regional Plan of Conservation & Development. That presentation is attached to these minutes. Written comments from the RPC will be taken through March 23 and in April, the plan will be put out to the public for comment.

There was discussion on including data on things like housing and businesses due to the pandemic. It was noted that data is not yet available as the pandemic is something that is still happening, but suggestions on how to include something to show that the plan is a snapshot in time during a time of great change were talked about. Mr. Gold also suggested a supplement to the plan in a year or more when data is available.

The draft land use map garnered a lot of attention with most that spoke up feeling that there should be a disclaimer on the map that it is not meant to be parcel-specific, instructions on how the map is intended to be used, labeling it as conceptual, or using an alternative name for it other than "map", though including a future land use map in the plan is a requirement of the state statute governing RPOCDs. All comments about the map shall be included in written comments regarding the plan itself.

There will a special meeting on March 31 at 6:00 pm in lieu of the next regular RPC meeting on the 22nd.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Edgerton moved to adjourn at 8:20 pm; Mr. Pizzo seconded. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eliza LoPresti