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 *
              Jane Siris *
              Sandra Childress *
Essex         Raul deBrigard
              Maurice Adams *
Haddam        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
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