



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, April 23, 2024 – 2:00 PM

Members & Alternates Present: Bonnie Bennet (Chester), Abby Piersall (Clinton), Daniel Smith (Deep River), Carol Jones (Deep River), David Rosengren (Essex), David Lahm (Lyme), Marek Kozikowski (Middletown), Michael Fogliano (Old Lyme), Eric Salmon (Westbrook)

Others Present: John Guzkowski (Tyche Planning), Ben Lovejoy (CT Dept. of Housing), Bill Neale (Westbrook), Tom Pinkowish (Essex), Debbie Huscher (Regional EDC), Ben Tripp (Metro Realty)

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

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fogliano at 2:02 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom video conference.

Approval of Minutes of March 26, 2024 Meeting

Mr. Rosengren moved to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2024 meeting; second by Ms. Bennet. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Review & Approval of Agenda

Chair Fogliano mentioned that this agenda does not include an “other business” item as has been included in past agendas. We will attempt to capture additions to the agenda at the top of the meeting under this item. Consensus was that the agenda is approved.

Discussion with Developer Ben Tripp (Metro Realty) and Real Estate Agent Debbie Huscher (The Huscher Team)

Mr. Tripp and Ms. Huscher presented information on affordable housing developments and market conditions and trends for housing. The discussion can be accessed at 09:56 on the [recording of the meeting](#).

Methodology Materials

Since the last meeting, two rounds of reading materials have been distributed to members. Materials will continue to be distributed every two weeks to further understanding of methodology for the regional housing needs analysis.

Updates From Members

Old Lyme has donated two parcels to Habitat for Humanity; they will be building affordable single-family homes.

Mr. Lahm asked if there is an update on the PRO Housing grant. There is no update.

Upcoming Meetings and Agenda Items

The next meeting will include Ben Lovejoy from the Dept of Housing.

There was discussion on a possible speaker from the United Way to talk about their ALICE report.

Adjournment

Mr. Lahm moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:17 PM; second by Ms. Bennet. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eliza LoPresti