



Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments

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Regional Planning Committee

LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, May 20, 2024 – 7:00 pm

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Members:

Chester	Carlie Dailey *
Clinton	Lawrence Edwards Eddie Alberino
Cromwell	Nick Demetriades Anthony LaCava
Deep River	Tony Bolduc
Durham	Frank DeFelice *
East Haddam	Crary Brownell Debbie Langdon *
East Hampton	Michael Kowalczyk
Essex	Carey Duques
Haddam	Raul deBrigard *
Killingworth	Alec Martin * Stephanie Warren *
Lyme	Mary Stone * David Lahm
Middlefield	Paul Pizzo
Middletown	Beth Emery * Nathaniel Spencer
Old Lyme	Harold Thompson * Howard Margules *
Old Saybrook	Douglas McCracken * Michael Bender
Portland	Chantal Foster * Bob Ellsworth
Westbrook	Bill Neale * Marie Farrell

*Members Present

Staff Present:

Sam Gold
Eliza LoPresti
Kevin Armstrong
Margot Burns
Marcos Gonzalez

Others Present: Thomas Pinkowish

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1. Call to Order

Chairman DeFelice called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The meeting was conducted via Zoom.

2. Roll Call - Eliza LoPresti called the roll.**3. Seating of Alternates** – Debbie Langdon (East Haddam) was seated.**4. Adoption of Agenda**

Mr. deBrigard moved to adopt the agenda; second by Mr. Martin. Vote was unanimous in favor.

5. Public Comment - None**6. Approval of the Minutes of Past Meetings**

Mr. McCracken moved to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2024 meeting; second by Mr. Neale. Vote was unanimous in favor with Ms. Dailey abstaining.

7. Referrals – None. Members were reminded that the referral tracker is on the websites at

<https://www.rivercog.org/regionalservices/referrals/>

Mr. deBrigard asked for a recent referral to be on the agenda for the June meeting. This was a referral to Gateway from Deep River regarding a Gateway overlay exemption zone.

8. Data Dashboard

Mr. Armstrong presented the dashboard for the census data for each town. This can be found at www.rivercog.org/data. He asked members to take a look through the dashboard and reach out to him if there are any issues.

9. State POCD

Mr. Gold recapped the meeting the state held for RiverCOG & NVCOG earlier in the month. Members can send comments directly to the state or to RiverCOG staff to include in a letter.

10. Review of CT Legislative Session

Mr. Gold gave an overview of some of the bills that passed this session. His summary can be found [here](#).

11. Miscellaneous: State, Regional and/or Local Planning Issues

None

12. Adjournment

Mr. Neale moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm; second by Mr. Thompson. Vote was unanimous in favor.