



# 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, July 23, 2024 – 2:00 PM

**Members & Alternates Present:** Bonnie Bennet (Chester), Abby Piersall (Clinton), Daniel Smith (Deep River), Thomas Pinkowish (Essex), Richard Pleines (Killingworth), David Lahm (Lyme), Jim Irish (Middlefield), Marek Kozikowski (Middletown), Michael Fogliano (Old Lyme), Kathy Sugland & Nick Prevost (Old Saybrook), Dan Bourret (Portland), Eric Salmon (Westbrook)

**Others Present:** Ben Lovejoy (CT Dept. of Housing), Karla Lindquist (HOPE Partnership), Eric Couture (Killingworth), Brigitte Arcoite (Sustainable CT Fellow), Andrew Bolger & Kayla Giordano (CHFA)

**RiverCOG Staff Present:** Megan Joufflas, Eliza LoPresti, Susie Beckman, Kevin Armstrong

#### 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.

#### Presentation by and Discussion with Andrew Bolger & Kayla Giordano of CT Housing Finance Authority

Andrew Bolger, Senior Research & Data Analyst, and Kayla Giordano, Senior Program & Data Analyst, of the CT Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) gave a presentation about their housing needs assessment, which can be viewed here, starting at 3:06: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VECuk1kpyPw&list=PLEB6fFqzoC\\_XE5yOBrG2E\\_e5MenW9tPTS4&index=10](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VECuk1kpyPw&list=PLEB6fFqzoC_XE5yOBrG2E_e5MenW9tPTS4&index=10)

CHFA marketing resources for residents can be found by emailing [marketing@chfa.org](mailto:marketing@chfa.org); data questions can be sent to [research@chfa.org](mailto:research@chfa.org).

#### Approval of Minutes of June 25, 2024 Meeting

*Mr. Lahm moved to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2024 meeting; second by Mr. Salmon. Vote was unanimous in favor with Mr. Pinkowish abstaining.*

#### RHNA Workshop Update

Ms. Joufflas gave an update that she and RiverCOG staff have been working through the equations that were created during the RHNA workshop in June and starting to list some possible data sources for the inputs. This will be discussed in more detail during the next workshop in September. There was discussion on data sources as well as on some of the inputs presented.

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**Next Month's Meeting**

Will be held virtually on August 28, 2024.

Mr. Lovejoy mentioned that the CT chapter of the American Planning Association will be holding a housing forum on September 11; information on this will be shared when it becomes available.

Chester's Affordable Housing Committee met for the first time the night before this meeting.

**Adjournment**

*Mr. Salmon moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:19 PM; second by Ms. Bennet. Vote was unanimous in favor.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Eliza LoPresti