



# 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, September 24, 2024 – 2:00 PM

**Members & Alternates Present:** Pat Bandzes & Bonnie Bennet (Chester), Daniel Smith (Deep River), Thomas Pinkowish (Essex), David Lahm (Lyme), Linda Darcy (Middlefield), Michael Fogliano (Old Lyme), Nick Prevost (Old Saybrook), Dan Bourret (Portland), Eric Salmon (Westbrook)

**Others Present:** Ben Lovejoy (CT Dept. of Housing), Karla Lindquist (HOPE Partnership), Carol Jones (Deep River)

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

#### Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fogliano at 2:05 p.m. The meeting was held in person and via Zoom video conference.

#### Approval of Minutes of August 27, 2024 Meeting

No quorum to approve minutes

#### RHNA Workshop #3

Megan gave a presentation on work that has happened behind the scenes since the last workshop and laid out open questions that the committee should answer for work to move forward. The presentation can be viewed here: [Workshop 3.pptx](#)

The committee was tasked with reviewing the information and getting back to Megan and Eliza by October 11<sup>th</sup> with questions, comments, and thoughts on the following open questions:

- Which population projection model should we use? (1% decline, 1% growth, or 2.5% growth)
- Should we adjust the household size of 2?
- Should we adjust the vacancy rate of 7.5%?
- Are the allocation categories weighted appropriately? (50% population, 10% transit, 40% activity centers)
- Are the input categories correct for the allocation portion?
- Does the equity adjustment make sense?

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**Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Eliza LoPresti