**Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments**

**and Lower Connecticut River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**DRAFT MINUTES OF REGIONAL HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 – 2:00 PM

**Members & Alternates Present:** Pat Bandzes & Bonnie Bennet (Chester), Daniel Smith (Deep River), Juliet Hodge (East Hampton), Thomas Pinkowish (Essex), David Lahm (Lyme), Jim Irish (Middlefield), Marek Kozikowski (Middletown), Dan Bourret (Portland)

**Others Present:** Ben Lovejoy (CT Dept. of Housing), Julie Way & Julia McGrath (Congressman Courtney’s Office), Karla Lindquist (HOPE Partnership), Michael Fogliano & Jennifer Miller (Old Lyme AH), Zoe Chatfield (Tyche/Chester/Deep River), Phillip Shattuck (CT OPM)

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

**Call To Order**

Acting Chairperson Pat Bandzes called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

**Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2025 Meeting**

There was no quorum.

**Public Engagement Technical Assistance Scope**

Megan presented the scope of the project that was sent over to CT Dept. of Housing, which can be read [here](https://rivercogct.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/RiverCOG/EZOyu6YGBvJNjOV95_FSROwBfrBwNl7M4BOya6bOJE3a2A?e=WMUXMT).

**8-30j Goals and Objectives**

Eliza led a discussion on some of the most-cited goals in the town plans. Slides from that discussion can be viewed [here](https://rivercogct.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/RiverCOG/EXQwnNjtajpFhRd2eFdLVoEBj_zfXB_sV66LdzwEh7RDMg?e=mpRwJt).

**Legislative Update**

Eliza shared the [bill tracker](https://rivercogct.sharepoint.com/:x:/s/RiverCOG/EdkPyR2AK2xMtE31TlxHngYBERM7UA78Fv_cWDhWs6iHnA?e=3IqXsA) and some of the bills have been recently deemed joint favorable.

**Other**

None

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 pm*.*

Respectfully submitted, Eliza LoPresti