

**NOTES FROM THE APRIL 23, 2018 MEETING
OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

Members Present: Adelman (Bozrah); Cherry (Lebanon); Giroux (Lisbon); Kunkemoeller (City of Groton); Levine (City of New London); Pritchard (Town of Groton)

Others Present: Amanda Kennedy (SCCOG staff); Justin LaFountain (SCCOG Staff); Cierra Patrick (SECHA Intern); Mark Oefinger (SECHA); Norton Wheeler (SECHA)

1. Call to Order: Chairman Cherry called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. Roll Call: A quorum was not present. Members introduced themselves.
3. Election of Officers: A quorum was not present; no elections could occur.
4. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings: A quorum was not present, and so the previous minutes could not be approved.
5. Presentation of 2018 Housing Needs Assessment Findings

Amanda Kennedy, SCCOG Assistant Director/Director of Special Projects, made a presentation on the 2018 Housing Needs Assessment, a study which was completed in a coordinated effort between the Southeastern CT Council of Governments and the Southeastern CT Housing Alliance. There was input from members of the Commission regarding thoughts on the study, as well as how the information could be presented to individual Planning and Zoning Commissions in ten to fifteen minute presentations. Mark Oefinger and Norton Wheeler stated that the presentations to individual towns could be customized based on what the local commissioners were interested in learning about.

6. Future RPC Activities

There was a discussion regarding how to draw more members to RPC meetings. Several ideas were exchanged regarding potential training ideas, workshops, and discussions. It was noted that different towns in the region have gone through different experiences, and sharing of knowledge learned from such experiences may be beneficial for everyone. The members present suggested that staff should send out an e-mail to the members with several topic suggestions, which the commissioners could then state their preferences on. Several topics suggested included: public hearings, types of housing, general aspects and philosophies of planning, RLUIPA, and recent legislation/case law. It was also suggested that inviting commissioners from towns that have not been participating may be an effective way of re-engaging those commissions.

7. New Business: There was no new business.
8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.