

## Commission on Connecticut's Development and Future

### Regular Commission Meeting

Monday, May 1, 2023

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Room 1E of the Legislative Office Building or Virtual Via Zoom

In attendance: Martin Heft (Chair), Donna Hamzy Carroccia, Sen. MD Rahman, Matthew Pawlik, Gregory Ugalde, Lori Mathieu, Betsy Gara, Sen. Marilyn Moore, Jennifer Perry, Steve Kleppin, Binu Chandy, Anika Singh Lemar, Rep. Geoff Luxenberg, Rep. Joe Gresko, Timothy Hollister, Rep. Eleni Kavros DeGraw, David Elder, Francis Pickering, Rep. Tony Scott, Sen. Tony Hwang, Rep. Roland Lemar, Rep. McCarthy Vahey

- I. Call to Order  
*At 3:02 pm Martin Heft called the meeting to order.*
- II. Attendance  
*Quorum met.*
- III. Approval of April 3, 2023, minutes  
*Motion to approve minutes by Rep. Kavros DeGraw. Second by Rep. Luxenberg. Voice vote. Minutes approved.*
- IV. Working Group Presentations
  - a. Sewerage Working Group
    - i. Last but not least of the working group presentations is the recommendations of the Sewerage group. Jennifer Perry at DEEP presented the roles and responsibilities regarding sewerage and the regulatory jurisdiction. They did a macro level overview of the systems and programs regulated. Lori Matheiu introduced Matthew Pawlik who presented for DPH Environmental Engineering Program. The primary role of DPH is administering of on-site subsurface sewage disposal system (SSDS) Technical Standards, approve specified SSDS components, provide technical assistance to local health departments and other state/regional/federal agencies. Overview of statutory responsibilities. Co-chair, Donna Hamzy reviewed the group recommendations.
- V. Questions
  - a. *Tim Hollister* – How can the coordination be improved now if it's been a problem forever?
  - b. *Francis Pickering* – Some mention of possibly subsidizing long-term maintenance costs; we can solve some of development issues by ensuring that existing systems are retrofitted; multi-family housing can be expensive. One of the cheapest ways to add housing is manufactured starter homes. Looking toward other states. Much of this authority is delegated to local health departments and

regional health districts. Are these current entities sufficient or should we think about larger entities that have the capacity as is?

- c. *Anika Singh Lemar* – Agrees with Pickering about starter homes. We need to build more capacity. Towns will point to sewage as a reason not to build more. We need to be a little more forceful about future developments.
- d. *Rep. Gresko* thanked everyone and is in full support of the recommendations.

VI. Business

- a. Legislative
  - i. HB 6647- AAC The State Plan of Conservation and Development
- b. Review of Commission Timeline:
  - i. Review recommendations – by July 1, 2023
  - ii. Draft Report – by September 1, 2023
  - iii. Final Report – due January 1, 2024
- c. Next Commission Meeting – June 12, 2023
  - i. We will review all of the recommendations in a summary format.
- d. Other

VII. Public Comment

*No public comment.*

VIII. Adjournment

*Chairs thanked everyone. Motion to adjourn. Second by all. Meeting adjourned at 3:48pm.*