

Commission on Connecticut's Development and Future

Regular Commission Meeting

Monday, June 12, 2023

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

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

In attendance: Martin Heft (Co-chair), Rep. Jason Rojas (Co-chair), Timothy Hollister, Sen. Moore, Binu Chandy, Francis Pickering, Anika Singh Lemar, Betsy Gara, David Elder, Greg Ugalde, Jennifer Perry, Kiley Gosselin, Rebecca Augur, Rep. Kathy Kennedy, Rep. Kavros DeGraw, Rep. Tony Scott, Rep. Fazio, Steve Kleppin, Rep. Roland Lemar, Sen. Christine Cohen, Sen. MD Rahman, Lamond Daniels.

- I. Call to Order
At 3:15 pm Martin Heft called the meeting to order.
- II. Attendance
Quorum met.
- III. Approval of May 1, 2023 minutes
Motion to approve minutes by Francis Pickering. Second by Rep. Kavros DeGraw. No discussion. Voice vote. Minutes approved.
- IV. Working Group Recommendations
 - a. Sub working group chairs went through each recommendation and marked each factor (i.e.: financial, administrative, legislative, priority, next steps). *See spreadsheet. Sewerage group will review at another time.*
- V. Questions
 - a. *Francis Pickering* – Francis questions if guidelines are given or is that left up to OPM?
 - i. *Martin Heft* – OPM is just the staff not the people making the plan.
 - b. *Anika Singh Lemar* – Is there a person who works for the state currently whose job description this falls into?
 - i. *Rebecca Augur* – If it is trying to implement model code then no we do not have staff currently that can work on that.
 - c. *Betsy Gara* – There was a change to the affordable housing plan statute 8-30j. It now requires any plan or plan updates submitted after October 2023 must address affordable housing unit accessibility for individuals with developmental disabilities. May have to pull guidance from other state agencies to ensure they successfully address that.
 - d. *Tim Hollister* – Did any portion of the housing bill that passed address any of the sewerage needs?
 - i. *Rep. Rojas* – Yes, there was a portion that transferred duties between DPH/DEEP.

VI. Business

a. Legislative

- i. HB 6647- AAC The State Plan of Conservation and Development passed the House but not the Senate this session.

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 – August 7, 2023

- i. Review all the recommendations in a summary format.

d. Other

VII. Public Comment

No public comment.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Greg Ugalde. Second by all. Meeting adjourned at 4:02pm.