

# CONNECTICUT RIVER GATEWAY COMMISSION

## Rules of Procedure Committee Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2022

**Attendance:** Bill Webb (Chairman), Raul Debrigard, Jerry Roberts, J H Torrance Downes

### Call to Order

This meeting was convened using the Zoom online platform at 5:32pm. The agenda was formally posted in all eight Gateway member towns and on the CT River Gateway Commission website with information directing interested members of the public to join the meeting online. All Gateway Commission members were sent the agenda and invited to attend.

The meeting was called to discuss budgetary requests for projects that the Rules and Procedure Committee would like to see move forward in the coming fiscal year, FY2022-2023.

After discussion, those present decided that six projects would be highlighted with six funding target amounts. The projects and amounts are:

- 1) Visual documentation (photography/videography) of the shores and hillsides of the Conservation Zone. The work could be done through the use of drone flights or by photographing from a boat, or both. Members felt that this would be an ongoing project that would be replicated every two years or so. The requested budget amount for the FY2022-2023 period is \$10,000.
- 2) RiverCOG mapping of areas within the Conservation Zone that are not seen from the river due primarily to intervening topography. This issue originally came up in Deep River and has recently been raised by the Town Planner in Haddam. The requested budget amount for the FY2022-2023 period is \$2,500.
- 3) Funds to pay for attorney fees for the development of standards language that would implement some sort of consideration for areas in the Conservation Zone that cannot be seen from the river. The requested budget amount for the FY2022-2023 period is \$2,500.
- 4) Funds to pay for consultation on more detailed lighting standards beyond those included in the most recent set of standards. Funds could pay for the services of a lighting engineer or another qualified professional. The requested budget amount for the FY2022-2023 period is \$2,500.
- 5) Funds to pay for attorney fees for the development of standards language that would implement the more detailed lighting standards. The requested budget amount for the FY2022-2023 period is \$2,500.
- 6) Funds to pay for research/professional input on tree cutting regulations.

The total funds request amounts to \$22,500 for the six projects.

Regarding lighting standards, Debrigard pointed out that the Town of Simsbury is recognized as having advanced lighting regulation requirements for presentation in applications which could be used as a model for an expanded Gateway standard.

Upon a motion by Debrigard, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
J H Torrance Downes, Staff