

CONNECTICUT RIVER GATEWAY COMMISSION

Rules of Procedure Committee Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2021

Attendance: Bill Webb (Chairman), Jenny Kitsen, Raul DeBrigard, Joel R. Ide, David Blatt, J H Torrance Downes

Call to Order

This meeting was convened using the Zoom online platform at 5:35pm. 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.

The meeting was called to discuss the ongoing amendment of the Commission's Rules of Procedures, the updating of the Gateway standards as recommended by Commission counsel Mark Branse, and to discuss any old or new business that committee members may bring forth.

Following discussion of revisions recommended by Claire Matthews of Essex and revisions recommended by the committee, Webb made a motion, which was seconded by Ide, to approve the Rules of Procedure as amended and forward to the Commission for a vote at the May 27, 2021 meeting of the Gateway Commission. The vote was approved unanimously. The proposed Rules of Procedure document will be forwarded to Commission members for review at the May 27, 2021 meeting.

Following discussion of revisions to the adopted Gateway standards recommended by Attorney Mark Branse, a motion was made by Debrigard and seconded by Ide to support the inclusion of the recommended changes as appropriate and necessary. The recommended changes will be presented to the Commission at its May 27, 2021 meeting for consideration and vote. Once approved by the Commission, recommendations will be made to the eight Gateway member towns to amend their zoning regulations to include the Branse-recommended changes, consistent with Section 25-102g of the CT General Statutes.

Old Business. Members of the committee were informed that the Town of Deep River will be asking the Gateway Commission to discuss an area in that town that is within the Gateway Conservation Zone but all but unseen from the river due to intervening topography between the properties and the Connecticut River.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:20pm by Webb, which was seconded by Kitsen. The motion passed unanimously.