**Connecticut River Estuary Metropolitan Planning Organization**
**October 11, 2006**
**Notes**

**Attendance:**

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| Chester: | Tom Marsh |
| Clinton: | |
| Deep River: | |
| Essex: | |
| Killingworth: | |
| Lyme: | |
| Old Lyme: | Tim Griswold |
| Old Saybrook: | Mike Pace |
| Westbrook: | |
| CRERPA: | |
| ETD: | John Forbis |
| Staff: | Linda Krause, Wini Olson |
| Legislature: | Rep. James Spallone |

**I.** The meeting of the Connecticut River Estuary Metropolitan Planning Organization failed to achieve a quorum by 9:45.

**II. <u>ETD</u>**

Chairman Pace asked John Forbis to report on the status of the ETD.

John reported that since the departure of the Executive Director, the ETD has been run very efficiently by the Operations Manager, the Financial Director and the Dispatcher. Volume was up to 5,600 rides last month which is 70% greater than last year. Seniors are learning that the shuttle provides more frequent and more economical service than the dial-a –ride did. Service on Route 153 serves several doctors' offices and the clinic. 27% of the riders are seniors. Workers are now able to use the ETD to commute to work. CRERPA assisted the ETD is obtaining municipal grants. Service to young teens is being investigated.

The switch from Dattco to in-house service changed the payroll from 2 employees to 26. The cost per ride has decreased from $11 per ride to $8 or $9.

A statewide search for a director brought forth 12 viable candidates. Three are being interviewed. It is hoped to have the new director in the office in November.

**III. <u>Legislature</u>**

Representative James Spallone reported that the most significant recent event is the creation of a state planning department by Governor Rell.

The second round of STEAP Grants was announced on Friday. He does not believe that Essex was included. Mike Pace announced that Old Saybrook did receive $250,000 for the Ferry dock project.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy C. Griswold, Secretary