

Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency
January 3, 2005
Minutes

Attendance:

Chester: Natalie Williams
Clinton:
Deep River: Bruce Edgerton
Essex: Ray Gastil
Killingworth: Jere Adametz, Pat Smulders
Lyme: Frank Skwarek
Old Lyme: Jane Marsh
Old Saybrook: Karen Jo Marcolini
Westbrook: Doris Sandstorm
Staff: Linda Krause, Wini Olson

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by Chairman Bruce Edgerton in the CRERPA meeting space at 455 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, Ct. 06475.

II. Minutes

Karen Jo Marcolini asked that Section F 4 be clarified by inserting the words Planning and Zoning before the word Commission. Jane Marsh moved that the minutes of the December 6 meeting be approved as clarified. The motion was seconded by Jere Adametz and unanimously approved.

III. Correspondence

There was no significant correspondence to report.

IV. Reports

A. Treasurer

Linda reported that Bookkeeper Dorothy Papp is in Germany. No formal report is available. The Agency is solvent. Checks have been received and new grants have been awarded.

B. Transportation

Linda reported that the MPO will meet next week and consider some STIP amendments. Jean Davies will soon be working on the New Regional Transportation Plan.

C. Staff

1. Hazard Mitigation

Jean is currently concentrating on completing nine individual Hazard Mitigation Plans for the CRERPA towns.

2. J.H. Torrance Downes is ill and will not be discussing referrals this evening.

3. Ben Gahagan

Ben Gahagan has joined the staff as an unpaid staff member. He is completing an analysis of the Deep River questionnaires. Linda hopes that he will do field work and analysis as part of the EPA sponsored Riparian Buffer study.

4. Emergency Management

Linda mentioned that CRERPA is subcontracting parts of the emergency Management work for Midstate RPA.

5. Grants

Noah has awarded CRERPA a grant to convert the CRERPA Dock Study into GIS format.

D. Referrals

Linda reported that Torrance had prepared reports on referrals from three towns. No inter-town concerns are expected.

Clinton has six pages of changes and clarifications including the initiation of setback restrictions next to tidal wetlands.

Deep River is adding requirements for permits to change lot lines and new regulations for accessory apartments.

There was some discussion on some of the details of the apartment regulations, with concern expressed about the requirements that all utilities be on one meter and that both units share the same address.

Salem is proposing common driveway specifications. The staff noted the requirement of house numbers at the beginning of each branch of the driveway.

Jane Marsh moved that the findings of the staff be forwarded to the appropriate parties, including the comments. The motion was seconded by Frank Skwarek. Ray Gastil would prefer to have the comments omitted but agreed to unanimously approve the motion.

E. ETD

ETD Chairman Doris Sanstorm reported that bus fares are rising from \$1.10 to \$1.25 per ride. The ETD has a reprieve until the board meets in February. Off route fares will rise to \$2.50. Ten trip tickets will be \$11.50. The ETD is attempting to negotiate half price fares for seniors.

Ray Gastil asked what the subsidy per ride is and how it is calculated. A current answer was not available.

F. Gateway

Linda reported that Gateway met in early December. On December 11, several members took a boat trip sponsored by River Quest. It was agreed that it might be a good investment to tour the river on a semi-annual basis.

IV. Old Business

- A. Linda reported that she is working on the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development by "fits and starts". Recently she has been focusing on reorganizing the Lyme Zoning Regulations.
- B. Steps to Avoid Obsolescence
Linda distributed copies of seven Steps to Avoid Obsolescence
They produced a lively discussion of the philosophy of CRERPA.

V. New Business

There was no new business.

Frank Skwarek moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Doris Sanstrom. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Winifred T. Olson