

Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency
May 1, 2006
Minutes

Attendance:

Chester: Steve Williams
Clinton:
Deep River: Bruce Edgerton
Essex:
Killingworth: Jere Adametz, Pat Smulders
Lyme: Frank Skwarek, Ning Rich
Old Lyme: Jane Marsh
Old Saybrook: Dick Tietjen
Westbrook: Bill Neale
Staff: Linda Krause, Dorothy Papp, Wini Olson

I. Chairman Bruce Edgerton called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM in the CRERPA Conference Space at 455 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, CT. 06475.

II. Minutes

Ning Rich moved that the minutes of April 3 meeting be approved as circulated. The motion was seconded by Jere Adametz. and unanimously approved.

III. Correspondence

Chairman Edgerton read portions of a letter of resignation from Doris Sanstrom, effective April 28, 2006. Doris has represented Westbrook for many years. She has served as the CRERPA Treasurer and has represented CRERPA on the Gateway Commission. Jane Marsh moved that the resignation be accepted with regrets. The motion was seconded by Bill Neale and unanimously approved. Jane prompted the group to ponder a suitable recognition for retiring members.

IV. Reports

A. Treasurer

1. Natalie

Linda announced that Treasurer Natalie Williams has moved from Prospect Street to Cherry Hill. Since she still lives in Chester, she will continue to serve as Treasurer. Natalie finds it difficult to attend meetings. She has a small dog that cannot be left alone.

2. Treasurer's Report

Dorothy Papp distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report and commented that everything is normal except the cash flow. Overdue bills of \$6,000 to Westbrook and \$90,000 to DOT leaves CRERPA short of available cash. Efforts are being made to collect both bills.

Dorothy asked for comments on the monthly treasurer's report format.. Hearing none, she announced that she will continue in the same manner.

3. Budget

Dorothy presented the proposed 2006-2007 budget, together with a recap of the 2005-2006 budget and expenditures. She reviewed them item by item.

Under salaries, Linda presented a request to reduce her hours and stay at the same salary. Linda presented documentation showing that she is paid less than other RPO executive directors. Her proposal was readily agreed to.

Steve Williams moved that the workload of the Director be changed from 35 hours per week at \$30.00 per hour to an average of 30 hours per week at \$35.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Jane Marsh and unanimously approved.

4. Appointment of the Auditor

Linda recommended that Joe Wollack be reappointed as auditor for CRERPA. Jere Adametz moved that the firm of Lewitz Balosie Wollack Rayner and Giroux be appointed as auditors for FY 2005-2006. The motion was seconded by Bill Neale and unanimously approved.

B. Transportation

There were no transportation matters to be considered.

C. Referrals

There were no referrals

D. Gateway

1. Chester

Linda reported that the appeal of the Chester variance is in progress.

2. Old Saybrook

In Old Saybrook, the DEP has issued an Order to Remove pertaining to a gabion wall in Otter Cove. The Gateway Commission accepted an invitation to become an intervener in the case. Torrance and Dorothy Papp will attend a status hearing on the case on Thursday, May 4.

3. Dick Tietjen asked about the status of the Gateway budget. He announced that he has a movie depicting the Old Saybrook waterfront in 1973. He created the Super 8 movie as part of his effort to convince the Town of Old Saybrook to join the Gateway Commission. Various methods of transferring and preserving the film were discussed.

4. CRERPA needs both a representative and an alternate to Gateway.

Steve Williams will consider the position.

V. New Business

VI. Old Business

A. Status

Linda reviewed the status of municipal representation on CRERPA. Chester is fully represented, although Natalie Williams has difficulty attending meetings. Clinton has two vacancies. Cliff Kelly from Deep River does not

attend anymore. Ray Gastil from Essex has moved to Deep River. A Planning Commission representative is needed.

Killingworth and Lyme both are well represented and attend regularly.

From Old Lyme, Alan Bayreuther's death leaves a vacancy from the Planning Commission. Stuart Fairbank of Old Saybrook is available to sign checks but cannot attend meetings. In Westbrook, Doris Sanstrom's resignation leaves a vacancy to be filled by the Selectmen.

B. Electronics Collection

Steve Williams asked if Janice has the town by town count for the Electronics Collection. Old Lyme was the most active contributor.

Steve is the Household Hazardous Waste Coordinator for Chester.

C. Madison Referral

Steve noted that Torrance has reported that Midstate RPA saw no potential inter-municipal impact from the Madison proposal for a floating Zone. South Central had concerns similar to those of CRERPA. He asked if copies of the letters are available and what action was taken by Madison.

VII. Other Business

Linda announced that Torrance will soon be appearing in "Buffalo Girls" in Stratford.

Ning Rich moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Steve Williams.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Neale, Secretary