

Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency
November 1, 2004
Minutes

Attendance:

Chester:

Clinton:

Deep River: Cliff Kelly, Bruce Edgerton

Essex: Carla Feroni, Ray Gastil

Killingworth: Patricia Smulders

Lyme: Frank Skwarek

Old Lyme: Jane Marsh

Old Saybrook: Karen Jo Marcolini

Westbrook: Bill Neale, Doris Sanstrom

Staff: Linda Krause, J.H. Torrance Downes, Wini Olson

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Bruce Edgerton in the CRERPA meeting space at 455 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, Ct. 06475.

II. Minutes

Jane Marsh moved that the minutes of the October 4 meeting be approved as circulated. The motion was seconded by Bill Neale and unanimously approved.

III. Correspondence

Director Linda Krause circulated information on the ACIR conference to be held in North Haven on November 11. She noted that OPM Undersecretary David LeVasseur is a strong proponent of Regional Planning Organizations. A theme of the conference is Making Better Use of a Hidden Asset. Linda and Former Capitol Region COG Director Rich Porth will be part of a panel of speakers.

IV. Reports

A. Treasurer

Copies of the current financial status were distributed.

Linda reported that money has been received from both STEAP and DEP. The construction phase of the Household Hazardous Waste facility has been completed and paid for. No DOT money has arrived yet for this fiscal year. Both the Biological Preparedness and Emergency Preparedness grants have been paid. Those accounts are closed out.

CRERPA has purchased a new plotter and is able to print more complicated maps. The old plotter will be donated to Old Lyme.

Ray Gastil moved that the Treasurer's report be approved as circulated. The motion was seconded by Bill Neale and unanimously approved. Linda alerted members that the municipal dues must be set in December.

B. Transportation

Linda reported that both the FWA and the Federal Transit Administration will be here Wednesday for a certification hearing and an all day audit of CRERPA's transportation planning program..

C. Staff

HHW

137 households responded for the last Household Hazardous Waste Collection of 2004.

D. Referrals

Chester initiated a moratorium on subdivisions while the regulations are being revised. Since the commission is still working on the revisions, an extension of the moratorium is being sought.

Torrance explained that the remaining three referrals were from the Midstate town of Haddam.

The first is for the adaptive reuse of residences on Route 154 for professional or business use. It appears to pose no intermunicipal concern. The proposed adoption of the new Gateway standards is to be commended.

A proposal to allow Child Care facilities in residential areas with standards for parking, etc. does not seem to be of intermunicipal concern. Jane Marsh moved that the staff recommendations be approved and forwarded to the parties involved. The motion was seconded by Pat Smulders and unanimously approved.

E. Liaisons

A. ETD

ETD Chairman Doris Sanstrom reported that she and Director Rode will go to Rocky Hill next week seeking more money. More service is being requested.

B. Gateway

Linda circulated a picture of a gabion wall on the shore of the Connecticut River in Otter Cove. It was constructed without permits. It is over six feet high and therefore is a structure. Torrance mentioned that Coastal Shore erosion project or flood control measures face mandatory referral to the DEP. There is some question whether this project is landward of the high tide line.

Gateway is considering monitoring the riverfront by boat on a regular basis.

V. Old Business

There was no old business.

VI. New Business

There was no new business.

VII. Other Business

Linda gave her Rockfall presentation to the Agency. She explained that it demonstrates the idea that the CRE should remain “a space between the places”.

Cliff Kelly moved that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William Neale, Secretary