

AGENDA
CRVCEO MEETING OF JULY 22, 2004
Angelico's Lake House Restaurant
(formerly Hathaway Inne)
2nd Floor
North Main Street, Off Route 66
Lake Pocotopaug
East Hampton, CT
12:00 noon

Boat Ride Immediately Following Luncheon
Casual clothes & sneakers suggested

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of minutes of meeting of June '04
3. Legislative updates
 - a. State Senators
 - b. State Representatives
 - c. Congressman Rob Simmons
4. Old Business
 - a. MMH Paramedic Services
 - b. Connecticut River Water Diversion
 - c. Other
5. Committee reports
 - a. ACIR
 - b. Workforce Alliance
 - c. Legislative
6. New Business
 - a. Guest: Representative Raymond Kalinowski: An overview of the work of the Special House (Impeachment) Committee
 - b. Other
7. Adjournment until August 26 @ Westbrook

Connecticut River Valley Council of Elected Officials
July 22, 2004

Attendees: Please see attached.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 12:05 by Vice Chairman Domenique Thornton in Angelico's Lake House Restaurant overlooking Lake Pocotopaug in East Hampton CT.

Acting Chairman Thornton called for a word from host Alan Bergren who gave a few highlights about the history of the lake, referred to Councilman Markham and his family connection, and introduced Zoning Enforcement Officer James Carey.

II. Minutes

Phil Miller moved that the minutes of the June meeting be approved as distributed. The motion was seconded by Martin Heft. Maryann Boord referred to page 2 and expressed concern about the response to Tim Griswold's question about funding. It was agreed that an addendum would be added from a subsequent meeting with Chuck Beck.

III. Legislative Issues

Senator Eileen Dailey remarked that not much has changed except for a new Administration.

Representative Linda Orange agreed that it is status quo.

Representative Ray Kalinowski remarked that the surplus has been marked for the rainy day fund but will probably disappear.

Betty Wagner reported that T21 is still in Conference. Senator Lieberman is involved in the negotiations. The Coast Guard Museum will be in Connecticut. The I 95 Transportation Safety Board will hold a public briefing in September. Representative Simmons is supporting a new Long Island Sound Stewardship bill.

Chairman Denvir arrived. He explained his transportation difficulties and encouraged Mayor Thornton to continue chairing the meeting.

IV. Old Business

A. MMH Paramedic Services

Martin Heft reported that most of the questionnaires have been received and are being analyzed. Letters have been received from Old Saybrook and the Valley Shore Ambulance Service expressing concern that the inquiry is addressing more than financial matters.

Tony Palermo reported that he had met with Middlesex officials. The information that had been requested was made available.

David Denvir had had promises but no documents.

Martin Heft reported that there is a rumor that Hunter Ambulance service is being replaced by AMR for transportation from the Clinic to the hospital.

B. Connecticut River Water Diversion

Mayor Thornton reported that the Joyell report has been received and the subject seems to be closed.

V. Committee Reports

A. ACIR

Mayor Thornton reported that she received a letter from Governor Rell offering to reappoint her to the reconstituted ACIR. Mayor Thornton accepted and asked that funding be restored to the committee.

B. The Workforce Alliance

David Denvir reported that he will be attending a meeting of the Workforce Alliance later in the afternoon.

C. Legislative Committee

The Legislature is not in session and the committee did not meet.

VI. New Business

A. Acting Chairman Thornton introduced Representative Ray Kalinowski who serves as a member of the Select Committee of Inquiry.

Representative Kalinowski explained that the Connecticut Constitution of 1818 gives the House of Representatives the authority to call for the impeachment of a governor but it provides no standards. He described the process that evolved.

B. Martin Heft announced that the Revitalization Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 27 in Chester Town Hall at 10 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Palermo, Secretary