

Connecticut River Valley Council of Elected Officials
August 26, 2004

Attendance: Please see attached list.

I. The meeting was called to order at 12:25 by Chairman David Denvir in the New Deal Steak House on the Boston Post Road in Westbrook , Ct.

Chairman Denvir welcomed Stan Terry back and congratulated him on his dramatic recovery.

II. Minutes

Don Markham moved that the minutes of the June meeting be approved as distributed. The motion was seconded by Bard Parker and unanimously approved.

III. Legislative Issues

Betty Wagner reported that although Congress is in recess, Rep. Simmons spent a week in Washington as part of the House Armed Services Committee that released a report on 9/11. Betty reported that Clinton and Old Saybrook have received federal grants for Drug Free Communities. The Haddam-Killingworth Drug Free Grant has been renewed.

Betty reported that the FBI unit in New Haven has activated a cyber crime unit to lure individuals seeking children on the internet.

The completion of Route 11 has been placed on the fast track for federal funding.

Betty reported that the postal facility in Wallingford, where much of our mail is sorted, has been equipped with special detection equipment.

Betty distributed a flyers announcing that the Coast Guard museum will be in New London and that the Defense Spending Bill, including several millions of dollars of contracts for Electric Boat, has been signed.

Tony Palermo asked Betty to thank the Congressman for his help in securing a \$300,000 federal grant toward the purchase of Open Space in the Town of Westbrook.

IV. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

V. Committee Reports

A. ACIR

There was no report.

B. Workforce Alliance

Chairman Denvir reported that the Workforce Alliance has difficulty getting a quorum. The Administrative Office is up and running.

Chairman Denvir noted that the terms of service of the CRVCEO representatives are ending. The CRVCEO is currently represented by David Denvir, Tony Palermo, and Tim Griswold.

Don Markham moved that David Denvir, Tony Palermo and Tim Griswold be re-appointed to represent the CRVCEO of the Workforce Alliance. The motion was seconded by Martin Heft and unanimously approved.

VI. New Business

- A. September 23 Regional Emergency Preparedness Meeting: Linda Krause stated that the meeting will focus on communication within the seventeen towns of Region 9 and clarification of the existing framework.

George Dunn expressed his frustration about too many overlapping districts and the lack of coordination between the three state departments that are in charge of the operation. He has received a notice, effective October 1 referring to "areas for exact participation" without any explanation of what or where the areas are. He noted that Middletown spent hundreds of hours doing the assessment. What was it for?

Chairman Denvir announced that towns are being granted another opportunity to do an assessment. He also mentioned that Killingworth does not want either training or equipment.

B. Grant Writer

Chairman Denvir asked how many towns employ a staff grant writer.

Several towns contract with Larry Wagner and his Associates for small Cities grants.

Chairman Denvir asked if the towns would consider pooling resources to jointly employ a person to write grants.

Linda Krause suggested that grant writers tend to specialize in certain types of grants.

Stan Terry noted that some grants are competitive.

C. Paramedic Service

Tony Palermo reported that a lot of people still have not answered the questionnaires for the paramedic survey. An interim report is being prepared using what information is available.

Linda Krause noted that Mike Pace was unable to attend this meeting due to a conflicting meeting of CRRA. He would like to have the subject on the agenda of the Lower Connecticut River Valley Selectman's Association.

Tony Palermo suggested that he could ask Bob Ziegler to attend the LCVSA meeting and present his interim report.

D. September Meeting

Chairman Denvir announced that it is the custom of the Council to hold the September meeting on the fourth Friday of the month at the Time Out Restaurant in Durham.

Martin Heft moved that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Palermo, Secretary