

Lower Connecticut River Valley Selectmen's Association
January 12, 2005
Minutes

Attendance:

Chester:	Martin Heft
Clinton:	James McCusker
Deep River:	
Essex:	Phil Miller
Killingworth:	David Denvir
Lyme:	Bill Koch
Old Lyme:	Tim Griswold
Old Saybrook:	
Westbrook:	Tony Palermo
DOT:	Richard Corona
Staff:	Linda Krause, Wini Olson

- I. Vice- Chairman McCusker called the meeting to order at 8:57 AM immediately after the close of the CREMPO meeting.

II. Minutes

David Denvir moved that the minutes of the December 8, 2004 be approved as circulated. The motion was seconded by Tony Palermo and unanimously approved. Martin Heft reminded members that the November minutes should be acted upon.

Tim Griswold moved that the minutes of the November 10 meeting be approved as circulated. The motion was seconded by Martin Heft and approved by all who had been present. David Denvir abstained .

III. Natural Hazards Mitigation Update- Plans and Adoption

The review and adoption of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans was postponed due to the illness of Jean Davies.

IV. Other Business

A. HHW

Phil Miller reported that he and Ralph Eno had conferred with the Essex Sanitary Waste Commission. They are looking favorably on the project and are sending a letter of endorsement to the Zoning Commission in favor of the proposed amendment.

The insurance issue is still unresolved. CIRMA initially denied day to day coverage of the facility. Mike Pace, Tim Griswold and Martin Heft will speak to CIRMA again.

Amy Cabaniss reminded the committee that the facility falls under the general classification of Solid Waste.

Amy mentioned that she has sent a letter to each Selectman asking for a contact person who is able make presentations within the town and serve occasionally at the site.

Amy distributed draft copies of the 2005 schedule for the HHW site. The location of satellite collections must still be determined.

B. Legislation

Martin Heft suggested that it is time to meet with the local legislators.

The basic real estate conveyance tax is scheduled to die in July by the sunset clause. Concern for the Probate court system and other local issues could also be discussed. After discussion, it was agreed that noon on a Friday might be the most nearly convenient time for the legislators.

CRERPA was asked to contact all of the legislators and arrange a meeting.

C. Superior Court Tour

David Denvir asked if anyone had attended the tour of the Middlesex Superior Court. Phil Miller reported that he had attended. He found the tour interesting but sparsely attended.

D. STEAP

David Denvir expressed frustration that the Bond Commission refused to consider any recreation based applications but did not warn the communities that they would not be considered. His concern prompted an interesting discussion of changing criteria.

E. Probate

David Denvir asked if CCM had adopted the Probate issue as one of their priority issues. The group is simply retaining an awareness.

David attended the Probate Assembly meeting in New Britain. Since the pro-change team has a lobbyist, the Probate Assembly is also seeking funds for a lobbyist. Tim Griswold reported that the Old Lyme Probate Judge has received a bill for the lobby effort.

F. Health Directors

Linda Krause reported that CRERPA sent invitations to all Health Directors in District IX for a meeting to be held at Middletown City Hall on January 27.

F. Host Community Fee

Tim Griswold mentioned that the Host Community fee for the Solid Waste Transfer Station has not been reviewed in ten years. The surcharge is based on the tonnage of recyclables only and therefore only seven towns are assessed. The surcharge supports the salary of the Recycling Coordinator and pays the host Community fee. Lyme contributes voluntarily. Tim feels that the formula should be amended and that Old Lyme should pay its share.

Phil Miller wanted it fully understood that Essex has “no ax to grind”. He and the Sanitary Waste Commission are simply curious about the calculation.

After an informal selection process, Amy awarded the unused CRERPA Compost Bin to Jim McCusker.

Tony Palermo moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Phil Miller.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy C. Griswold, Secretary

