

**Lower Connecticut River Valley Selectmen's Association
January 11, 2006
Minutes**

Attendance

Chester:	Tom Marsh
Clinton:	Willie Fritz:
Deep River:	Dick Smith
Essex:	Phil Miller
Killingworth:	
Lyme:	
Old Lyme:	Tim Griswold
Old Saybrook:	Mike Pace
Westbrook:	John Raffa
Legislature:	Betty Wagner
Staff:	Linda Krause, Jean Davies, Janice Ehle-Meyer, Wini Olson

I. Chairman Mike Pace called the meeting to order in the CRERPA conference space at 455 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, at 9:34 a.m. after a brief coffee break.

II. Minutes

Phil Miller moved that the minutes of the December 14, 2005 meeting be approved as circulated. The motion was seconded by Dick Smith and unanimously approved.

III. HHW Update

CRERPA Director Linda Krause reintroduced Janice Ehle-Meyer, explaining that she replaces both Ralph and Amy. She added that Amy is still involved with CRERPA. She is basing her thesis on HHW and has applied for a grant for that purpose through CRERPA.

Janice reported that the year went smoothly. Only one business contracted to dispose of their waste as a conditionally exempt small quantity generator. The alarm alerts were all attributed to lightning and electrical disturbances.

The number of households and the number of participants are both consistent with other years. The satellite collections do help. She distributed copies of the schedule for 2006.

Chairman Pace asked about collecting electronic equipment. Janice is working with CRRA to schedule two collections – one in the spring and one in the fall. CRERPA continues to get phone calls from people who need to dispose of electronic items. Chairman Pace asked if equipment could be stored at the HHW site. There is no long term storage space.

Linda Krause reviewed the history of the facility and the grants that paid for it. She explained that 2005 was the first full year of operation.

Tom Griswold mentioned the surcharge on days when fewer than 100 households use the facility and asked if fewer days would avoid that. Sixteen days of operation are

required by DEP. Tim asked for separate workshop on the financial aspects of operating the facility. Chairman Pace suggested that it be held on February 8.

V. Nominating Committee

Chairman Pace was pleased to accept Dick Smith, Tim Griswold, and Willie Fritz as volunteers and duly appointed them to serve as the nominating committee and report back on February 8.

Chairman Pace is willing to serve again. The position of vice-chairman is vacant.

VII. Other Business

A. Emergency Small Pox Countermeasures

Chairman Pace referred to a copy of an agreement on Emergency Small Pox Countermeasures. He noted that he has signed it. It requires the approval of the boards of each town. Copies will be provided for consideration and action.

Chairman Pace noted that the emergence of Bird Flu seems to be beyond what local communities can deal with. It makes him give even greater consideration to Health District. A meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12 in Chester to discuss a business model for the proposed district. The cost is now down to \$10. per capita and may go lower.

Phil Miller noted that that is less than is currently being spent in Essex.

Linda Krause mentioned that the State must submit a plan to the Federal level for evacuation and sheltering by January 17. The state is using the regional level to formulate the plans- one for Millstone, one for hurricanes, and one for an attack on New York. Jean Davies represents the Estuary Region at the planning sessions.

B. CRVCEO

Linda mentioned that the CRVCEO will meet at Vinnie's Saybrook Fish House on January 25.

Representative Simmons plans to attend. There will be an update on the progress toward establishing the Health District and there will be presentation on the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) national stock pile for flu vaccine etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy C. Griswold, Secretary