

**Lower Connecticut River Valley Selectmen's Association
February 8, 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:	
DOT:	Rich Corona
Staff:	Linda Krause, Jean Davies, Janice Ehle-Meyer, Dorothy Papp, 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 January 11, 2006 meeting be approved as circulated. The motion was seconded by Tom Marsh and unanimously approved.

III. HHW Update

Janice Ehle-Meyer distributed copies of the proposed 2006 budget for the HHW Facility. She and Dorothy Papp reviewed the budget line by line.

Linda Krause explained that the Education for HHW will be augmented by Amy Cabaniss who is applying for a grant to support a comparative analysis of various types of publicity and public education.

Discussion centered on the line item for printing schedules. Some had been intended to be included with the tax bills. After a discussion of the willingness of tax collectors to accept the added burden of stuffing them into envelopes and the possible additional postage, Janice was advised to call the tax collectors directly and ask about their willingness to include the material. It was agreed that the flyers are needed and the method of distribution can be determined at a later date.

Chairman Pace suggested that the Contingency/Experience Adjustment of \$15,000 be spread over two years. Discussion clarified that it was an attempt to offset a \$19,000 deficit and that \$10,000 will be included in the 2006-07 budget.

SLAM was explained as fund offset exceptionally large contributions- such as the lead from a house that was scraped in Essex or the asbestos from a chimney that was removed in Old Saybrook. It is a form of self- insurance.

Chairman Pace asked if the grant from DEP would prohibit charging individuals who

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