

**Lower Connecticut River Valley Selectmen's Association
April 12, 2006
Minutes**

Attendance

Chester:	
Clinton:	Willie Fritz
Deep River:	
Essex:	Phil Miller
Killingworth:	
Lyme:	Bill Koch
Old Lyme:	Tim Griswold
Old Saybrook:	Mike Pace
Westbrook:	
DOT:	Kasey Faraci
Staff:	Jean Davies, Wini Olson
Guests:	Jim Rode, John Forbis, Mitzi Eilts

I. Chairman Mike Pace called the meeting to order in the CRERPA conference space at 455 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, at 9:30 AM

II. Minutes

Willie Fritz moved that the minutes of the March 8, 2006 meeting be approved as circulated. The motion was seconded by Mike Pace and unanimously approved.

III. Workforce Development

Jean Davies reported that director Linda Krause had made several attempts to contact Bill Vilano of the Workforce Development and ask him to speak to the LCVSA this morning. No messages were answered.

Chairman Pace expressed his dissatisfaction of having the Estuary Region incorporated into the work program of the New Haven unit. He asked how many towns have lost employers recently.

Chairman Pace noted that former Selectman David Denvir had diligently represented the LCVSA on the Workforce Development Board. A replacement is needed. Willie Fritz volunteered to investigate the situation and represent the region. Linda Krause will be asked to follow the situation.

IV. HHW Update

Electronic equipment will be collected by CRRA in Essex on Saturday April 22. A satellite collection will be held in Clinton on April 29, 2006.

V. Old Business

A. Regional Health District

Chairman Pace announced that the next Regional Health District meeting will be held in Old Saybrook on April 21 at 11AM. Five towns are still participating. There has been some question recently about Haddam.

Phil Miller expressed his reservations about what will happen in Essex. He has been hearing rumors. There is some concern about having to recognize and be served by a previously discharged employee. He was assured that that is not likely under the present circumstances. The hearing will take place next month. He was urged to have Pamela Kilby-Fox attend to help him explain the proposal. Essex is scheduled to save a great deal of money. He was urged to use that as a persuading factor.

VI. New Business

Speaker - Mitzi Eilts

Mitzi announced that the Older American Act Title III that supports nutrition, social services and transportation is subject to renewal in Congress this year. Locally, the programs amount to about \$1,000,000 per year with about half applied to nutrition. The ECS has to resort to fundraising simply to maintain services. Last year, other grants brought in \$10,000. This year, the ECS is striving for \$30,000 in grants and has reached 90% of that goal.

Phil Miller asked if it is time to hire an assistant administrator to seek grants. Mitzi agreed that it is although she would prefer an assistant to run the programs while she seeks grants. This year she has a very competent grant writer working part time for a very reasonable fee.

Mitzi invited the Estuary Selectmen to attend the rededication of the ECS facility on May 18 at 2 PM. She is having pennants made to depict each town.

VII. Other Business

A. Probate Court

Chester and Old Saybrook are investigating forming a multi-town Probate Court located in Old Saybrook.

Phil asked if that will undermine the effort to keep local courts.

Chairman Pace does not believe so since it is a voluntary effort.

B. Hazard Mitigation

Chairman Pace would like to have a meeting of Emergency Management personnel before the hurricane season- probably in July or August.

Jean Davies displayed a hard copy of a local Hazard Mitigation Plan that she prepared and has submitted to the state. She held up a copy of the disk that will distribute to each town. She explained that the plans are also available on the CRERPA web site. Bill Buckridge is planning some sessions. Jean stressed that adoption of the plan does not obligate a town to do anything but it does make it eligible for mitigation funding. The plan can be adopted by any group the town selects. The Board of Selectmen is often the simplest.

Chairman Pace asked that the plans be reviewed at the July meeting.

C. Pump Out Boat

Phil Miller announced that Essex is ready to proceed with the pump out program for five towns.

Chairman Pace acknowledged a recent exchange of Emails and stated that the Old Saybrook Harbor Management Commission had approved joining the plan on Monday night and will send him a letter to that effect. He would still prefer to see an audit and a personnel policy. .

Timothy Griswold moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Phil Miller and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy C. Griswold, Secretary