

**Lower Connecticut River Valley Selectmen's Association**  
**June 14, 2006**  
**Minutes**

**Attendance**

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| Chester:      | Tom Marsh   |
| Clinton:      |   |
| Deep River:   | Dick Smith  |
| Essex:        | Phil Miller   |
| Killingworth: |   |
| Lyme:         | Bill Koch   |
| Old Lyme:     | Tim Griswold  |
| Old Saybrook: | Mike Pace   |
| Westbrook:    |   |
| Staff:        | Linda Krause, Janice Ehle-Meyer, Torrance Downes, Wini Olson  |
| Guests:       | Old Saybrook EMD Mike Spera, Old Lyme EMD David Roberge,<br>Betty Wagner Representing Congressman Simmons |

I. Chairman Mike Pace called the meeting to order in the CRERPA conference space at 455 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, at 9:20 AM

**II. Minutes**

Phil Miller moved that the minutes of the May 10, 2006 meeting be approved as circulated. The motion was seconded by Dick Smith and unanimously approved.

**III. Emergency Management and Homeland Security**

**A. Training**

Chairman Pace introduced David Roberge, Emergency Management Director for Old Lyme. Mr. Roberge welcomed the Selectmen to "Hurricane Season". He reminded members that 2004 EM equipment funding must be spent by June 30, 2006. 2005 money is now available. 2006 will be available soon. To qualify for 2007 money each town must be NIMS (National Incident Management System) certified. Chester is the first town in the state to be NIMS approved. The Valley Shore Emergency Management Directors Association is willing to bring instructors to the Region. To qualify, training should be complete by the end of August 2006. The instructors are prepared to offer the instruction, provide and supervise the exams and forward the results to FEMA. He asked the membership to suggest times and places.

Each municipal CEO must accept the training to enable their town to qualify for funding. Lt. Spera suggested it would be prudent for each Selectman to bring their Second and Third Selectman to the training session. He noted that if an emergency occurred when the CEO was not available, it would help to have the second in command trained and ready to act.

Mr. Roberge mentioned that the VSMA met recently at CRERPA with Public Works personnel from several towns to discuss the need for training for public works

supervisors. *It was agreed by consensus for the selectmen to meet for training Wednesday morning, July 26 at the Estuary Council of Seniors in Old Saybrook. It was agreed to hold the CRVCEO meeting at the same place at noon.* Other members of the CRVCEO who need certification will be invited join the LCVSA members for the morning training session. A public works training session will be held in the afternoon.

#### B. Representation

Linda Krause reminded members that DEMHS Area Two Coordinator Mary Rose Dubarek has asked for another representative from LCVSA to serve on the Regional Emergency Planning Team (REPT). Buckridge, Jean Davies and Joel Severance currently serve on the team. Since the committee in question is concerned with I-95, Phil Miller suggested that it would be appropriate to find a volunteer from Westbrook. Chairman Pace suggested Old Saybrook Selectman Bill Peace. It was agreed by consensus that Bill is the perfect choice.

#### C. HHW

##### 1. Westbrook

Chairman Pace reported that there have been phone calls to the Selectman as well as letters to each Westbrook Selectman and the Board of Finance concerning the outstanding bill for operating the HHW facility. Neither the letters nor the phone calls have even been acknowledged. Phil Miller mentioned that if the bill is not paid by the end of June, the money will go into the Undesignated Fund and it will require a Town Meeting to extricate it.

Linda Krause reported that she has inquired at OPM about how the towns should proceed in the case of the default of one member of an inter-municipal agreement. She was told that there is no precedent for a town in the State of Connecticut ever having failed to honor its legal agreement with another town.

Dick Smith volunteered to drive down and talk to Mr. Raffa. Chairman Pace offered to have the Old Saybrook Town Attorney write on behalf of the LCVSA. Former Selectman Ralph Eno, acting as a member emeritus of the LCVSA Household Hazardous Waste Committee and as former Household Hazardous Waste Administrator visited Mr. Raffa to answer any questions concerning the HHW program. Mr. Raffa asked him to talk to one of the public works staff.

##### 2. Tipping fee

Linda Krause asked the LCVSA to renew the resolution to set the tipping fee that pays both the recycling coordinator and the host community fee.

The Recycling Coordinator has been \$28,000 since the inception of the project. Phil Miller moved that the LCVSA empower the CRRA to determine the fee per ton that is necessary to pay both the host town fee and the cost of the recycling coordinator. The motion was modified to address only the recycling coordinator. The motion was seconded by Bill Koch and unanimously approved. Phil mentioned that the recycling center is being expanded by CRRA and must go through the local zoning process. The fee has been \$30,000 since 1987. He suggested that \$36,000 might be more appropriate. As host, the community faces issues of public safety, odor and esthetics. Tim Griswold asked if Essex carries the recycling center expenses as a separate line item. It does not. Chairman Pace suggested that if Essex is not comfortable being the host community, perhaps the location should be reconsidered.

Tim Griswold moved that the host community fee remain at \$30,000 per year. The motion was seconded by Bill Koch and unanimously approved.

D. Health District

Chairman Pace announced that the Health District has been officially formed with Clinton, Deep River and Old Saybrook as the charter members. A bank account has been opened.

Phil Miller reported that the Essex Sanitarian, the Selectmen, the Board of Finance and Dr. Goff are in favor of the project. At the public hearing there was some political opposition. He will hold another hearing. He would appreciate having a template to present at that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy C. Griswold, Secretary