

**Lower Connecticut Valley Selectmen's Association**  
**October 13, 2004**  
**Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Chester: Martin Heft  
Clinton: James McCusker  
Deep River:  
Essex: Phil Miller  
Killingworth: David Denvir  
Lyme:  
Old Lyme: Tim Griswold  
Old Saybrook: Mike Pace  
Westbrook: Tony Palermo  
DOT: Richard Corona  
Staff: Linda Krause, Jean Davies, Amy Cabaniss, J.H.Torrance  
Downes, Wini Olson  
Guests: Betty Wagner, representing Congressman Rob Simmons  
Doris Sanstrom, Chairman of the Estuary Transit District  
Jim rode, Executive Director of the Estuary Transit District

Chairman Pace called the meeting to order immediately after the close of the CREMPO meeting. The same people were in attendance.

**I. Minutes**

Phil Miller moved that the minutes of the September 8 meeting be approved as circulated. The motion was seconded by Jim McCusker and unanimously approved.

**II. General Discussion**

A Betty Wagner for Rep. Simmons

Chairman Pace asked about possible grants for radio interoperability. FEMA grants are available. Chairman Pace suggested that it might be most productive to apply collectively. He asked Linda Krause to investigate the possibility.

Tony Palermo thanked Ms. Wagner for Rep. Simmons' assistance in obtaining a \$145,000 grant for Westbrook. The grant will be administered by Fire Chief Spencer.

B. Citizens Corps

Linda Krause announced that the organizational meeting of the Citizen Corps (CERT) will be held next Thursday, October 21.

C. Representative Spallone

Rep. Spallone noted that Gov. Rell has been very active.

He noted that Secy. Ryan has resigned effective January 1.

Rep. Spallone reported that, together with David Denvir and Tony Palermo, he met recently with Bart Russell of COST to discuss strategy in the next session of the legislature regarding the probate court situation.

Martin Heft mentioned that the entire report can be obtained from any local probate judge.

David Denvir moved that the Lower Connecticut River Selectmen's Association endorse, with appropriate name and number changes, the same resolution of support for local probate courts that was passed by the CRVCEO. The motion was seconded by Jim McCusker and unanimously approved.

D. Storm Water II

Phil Miller stated that many Estuary residents are dependent upon wells for potable water. He cited surface water problems and the algae bloom in the Essex South Cove. He is concerned about public car washes.

Chairman Pace mentioned that Old Saybrook is identifying storm sewers and determining which ones have dry wells and which have outlets. The information will be shared with the WPCA.

Martin Heft reported that the part of the Chester storm water, phase 2 plan has been completed with the recommended software. The inventory and tests have been started.

D. Middlesex Hospital

Chairman Pace asked about the progress of the EMS report. It is complete and will be presented at the CRVCEO meeting at the Inn at Chester on October 28.

E. HHW

Amy Cabaniss reported that there were 334 cars at the Electronics collection on October 9. 323 of those cars were from Estuary towns. She also reported that there were 117 cars at the HHW collection on the same day. October 30 will be the last collection until May 7, 2005.

Adjournment.

Martin Heft moved that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy C. Griswold  
Secretary