

**Lower Connecticut River Valley Selectmen's Association
December 8, 2004
Minutes**

Attendance:

Chester:	Martin Heft
Clinton:	James McCusker
Deep River:	Dick Smith
Essex:	
Killingworth:	David Denvir
Lyme:	
Old Lyme:	Tim Griswold
Old Saybrook:	Mike Pace
Westbrook:	Tony Palermo
DOT:	Richard Corona
Staff:	Jean Davies, Linda Krause, Wini Olson
Guests:	Betty Wagner representing Congressman Simmons

- I. Chairman Pace called the meeting to order at 9: 17 AM immediately after the close of the CREMPO meeting.

II. Minutes

It was noted that the minutes for the November 10, 2004 meeting apparently had been omitted from the mailing. It was agreed that they would be considered in December.

III. Reports

A. HHW

Ralph Eno reported that he had contacted the First Selectmen of Haddam and East Haddam. Each expressed interest in using the HHW facility in Essex.

Ralph explained that participation would involve payment of a capital investment and DEP fees. He asked if the capital investment might be paid over a two or three year period. It is anticipated that the funds would go into a reserve fund.

Ralph reported that several small quantity users have expressed interest in using the facility. He has contacted Clean Harbors for more specific information. Numbers are promised. Ralph praised Amy's report but suggested that the suggested \$200 administrative fee may be a bit high.

Chairman Pace noted that the initial compact for building the HHW facility involved all of the Boards of Selectmen and Finance. He suggested that rather than a motion of approval, there should be a motion of consensus.

Tony Palermo moved that the Operating Plan be endorsed for review. The motion was seconded by Jim Mc Cusker and unanimously approved the subject will be revisited in January.

Ralph reviewed the proposed budget for 2005. It was noted that the salaries are paid by RPA funds, primarily the money received from the TIP fees at the recycling facility.

Ralph called attention to the inclusion of a line item for Professional Development. He explained that whoever succeeds him will have to be trained and licensed. Ralph asked that each Selectman appoint a person who can be responsible for the program in his or her town.

Promotion of the program was discussed.

B. Natural Hazard Mitigation

Jean Davies gave a power point presentation highlighting the Natural Hazard Mitigation program. The regional plan has to be approved by July of 2005. The plans for Essex and Old Saybrook have been completed and sent to DEP for review.

C. Paramedics

Tony Palermo stated the he has not previously had a copy of the report. He prefers to read it and report at the next meeting.

D. Legislators

Betty Wagner distributed information on how to send phone cards to wounded veterans at Walter Reed Hospital.

When asked about the issue of transportation money, she noted that progress is being made. Rep. Simmons has received an apology for the abrupt elimination of funding for Connecticut projects. They may be added as a rider to other bills during the next session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10: 09 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy C. Griswold, Secretary