

**Lower Connecticut River Valley Selectmen's Association
December 13, 2006
Minutes**

Attendance

Chester:	Tom Marsh
Clinton:	Willie Fritz
Deep River:	
Essex:	Phil Miller
Killingworth:	
Lyme:	Ralph Eno
Old Lyme:	Tim Griswold
Old Saybrook:	Bill Peace
Westbrook:	
Staff:	Linda Krause, Wini Olson, Janice Ehle-Meyer
Guest:	Bill Spicer, Joel Severance

I. Chairman Pace called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM.

II. **Ambrose Amendment**

Phil Miller asked what is so objectionable about the Ambrose Amendment. Bill Spicer gave the history of the amendment and his objections to it.

Linda Krause added that DEP is pessimistic that the amendment will be repealed because New York has more votes in Congress than Connecticut does. It was agreed that the Clean Water Act addresses the problem.

Tim Griswold moved that the Lower Connecticut River Valley Selectmen's Association adopt the resolution to encourage Congress to rescind the Ambrose Amendment. The motion was seconded by Willie Fritz and unanimously approved.

III. **Old Business**

A. Pump out Boat

Joel Severance distributed copies of the final report on the activity of the pump out boat for the 2006 season. There was an 11.4% increase in use. In kind contributions resulted in no charge to any town.

B. HHW

Chairman Pace called for an Exit Interview with Ralph Eno as CRERPA HHW manager who declined, stating that he is still happy to continue to help with the program.

Janice Ehle-Meyer reported that the satellites are decreasing in their popularity. The dates and number of collections will be reviewed. The contract with Clean Harbors is up for reconsideration. Janice asked for a sub-committee of Selectmen to assist her. It was agreed by consensus that Tim Griswold, Dick Smith and Willie Fritz will serve on the committee.

Linda Krause mentioned that the original grant required 16 collections per year. The grant has expired. Janice has been told by DEP that the number of collections can now be modified. The Clean Harbor contract is up for reconsideration. The present contract includes a provision for a two year extension.

Janice talked to John Raffa about the outstanding bill for service to Westbrook. He requested a list of names of Westbrook residents who have used the facility. Janice has prepared the list and is ready to deliver it. Chairman Pace asked if the town is in contract and obligated to pay. It is. Chairman Pace directed that a nice letter be sent demanding payment. Ralph Eno recalled that the contract extends for five years from the first collection. Phil Miller suggested Mr. Raffa is welcome to join the discussions on the operation of the facility.

IV. Other Business

A. Legislation

Linda reported that Jamie Spallone was unable to attend today but stopped by to ask what the members would like to have introduced into legislation this year. An immediate answer was the revocation of four year revaluations and the reliance on property taxes.

B. Linda suggested that a thank you note be sent to Betty Wagner for her loyalty and assistance.

C. Meeting Schedule for 2007

It was agreed to continue the same meeting schedule.

D. Emergency Management

Joel Severance informed the group that CCM is reserving May1 for a Department of Emergency Management meeting for CEOs and Public Health Officials

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy C. Griswold, Secretary