CONNECTICUT RIVER GATEWAY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2005

Present/*Absent***:**		
	CHESTER	**Margaret Wilson**, *Christine Nelson*
	DEEP RIVER	*Irwin Wilcox,* **Nancy Fischbach**
	EAST HADDAM	*Robert Boulware,* **Logan Clarke**
	ESSEX	*Fred Vollono,* **Ed Marlowe**
	FENWICK	**Chuck Chadwick**
	HADDAM	*Scott Thompson,* **Susan Bement**
	LYME	*Kevin Mazer,* **J. Melvin Woody**
	OLD LYME	*Rudi Besier, Ted Crosby*
	OLD SAYBROOK	**Madge Fish,** *David LeMay*
	CRERPA	*Doris Sanstrom, Alan Bayreuther*
	MIDSTATE RPA	*Raul De Brigard,* **Stasia DeMichele**
	DEP	**David Blatt**
	STAFF	**Linda Krause, Dorothy Papp, Judy Preston**

CALL TO ORDER

Treasurer Peggy Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the CRERPA office. She welcomed Chuck Chadwick, ad hoc representative from Fenwick Borough. Melvin Woody arrived a few minutes late and chaired the rest of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nancy Fischbach moved to accept the minutes for the meeting of January 27, 2005. Ed Marlowe seconded. All were in favor.

GUESTS

East Haddam Planner, Jim Ventres was scheduled to speak with the Gateway Commission at its February meeting about his town's detailed village design district and how it goes beyond the Gateway Standards in many ways to define a specific area along the river. Linda thought they had rescheduled for this meeting but Jim did not appear. Linda will try to schedule him again next month.

CORRESPONDENCE - STAFF REPORT

Linda reported that CRERPA staff member, Wini Olson, had a heart attack and fortunately is home recovering. The Commission sent its best wishes.

Linda has scheduled a meeting with the new DEP Commissioner for May 3, 2005 at 1:00pm at the Commissioner's office to explain the Gateway and CRERPA's roles in relation to the Connecticut River and its environs.

The 8 Mile River Advisory Committee is wrapping up its wild and scenic study with a meeting on March 31, 2005 at the East Haddam Fish and Game Club to recommend a plan and

management tools for the river. Currently the plan includes the same riparian buffer language as the Gateway Standards. Linda hoped they might be able to craft something more specific to the 8 Mile but this is at least a step in the right direction. Gateway members are welcome on the 31st.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Peggy Wilson reported that she had received annual reports from GE and Tyco if anyone is interested in perusing them. She invited investment manager Frank Wolcott to April's meeting and encouraged Commission members to prepare questions and/or comments for his visit.

This month's bills were for January and February to CRERPA for $1487.45, and Tidewater Institute for $2428.00.

Logan Clarke moved to accept the Treasure's Report and pay the bills. Ed Marlowe seconded. All were favor.

REFERRALS

There were several referrals from Essex though none with a significant view from the river.

TIDEWATER INSTITUTE

Judy Preston reported on the following items:

- The Tools for Intelligent Tinkering Workshops for land use decion makers in the Gateway Zone are scheduled for March 25, April 18, and May 16 in the evening. Gateway members are welcome.
- The Land Use Leadership Training Program is almost full for its workshop in the Gateway area. The workshop will be held at the Connecticut River Museum.
- Judy will be speaking about marshes at the CT River Museum on Thursday, March 31 on behalf of the Tidewater Institute.
- Judy has been accepted to the Yale graduate program in Forestry and Environmental Studies. Part of the program includes course design and Judy would like to continue her work with the Gateway Commission perhaps in developing tree cutting standards.

Logan Clarke asked Judy to assess Tidewater Institute's progress to date. Judy said she felt there has been positive movement in TI's mission to bring the community together, provide site specific ecological education, and facilitate getting existing resources into more hands.

OTHER / NEW BUSINESS

Regarding Gateway Standards, Linda reported that Old Lyme has no problem with the special permit section but questions about the riparian buffer; Linda has completed drafting Lyme's zoning regulations including the new standards and expects a public hearing to be scheduled shortly; Fenwick is in a similar situation as Lyme; and perhaps Essex can use East Haddam's village design district as an open talking point.

There are two upcoming education opportunities for interested members:

- John Rozum with the Extension Service is giving a program on May 17 in East Haddam on Phase II Storm Water Management that includes some good graphics.

- Sandy Prislow is making a presentation at the end of April comparing agricultural lands from the Midstate and Estuary Regions in the 1970s with today.

ADJOURNMENT

Logan Clarke moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Gateway Commission at 8:16 PM. Ed Marlowe seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy H. Papp, CRERPA

The next regular meeting of the **Gateway Commission** is at CRERPA on

Thursday, April 28, 2005 at 7:30 PM