GATEWAY REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE & AGENDA

DATE: August 26, 2004
TIME: **7:30 PM**
PLACE: C.R.E.R.P.A. Conference Room
Saybrook Junction Marketplace
Unit 2 - First Floor
Old Saybrook, CT 06475

REGULAR MEETING:

Call to Order
Acceptance and Approval of 06/24/04 Minutes
3. Staff Report
   A. Guests
   B. Correspondence
4. Finances
   A. Treasurer's Report
   B. Approval of Bills
5. Referrals - As Received
6. Tidewater Institute
7. Status of New Standards
8. Other/New Business
9. Adjournment

Next meeting of Gateway Commission is on September 23, 2004

CONNECTICUT RIVER GATEWAY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes - CORRECTED

August 26, 2004

Present/*Absent*:		
	CHESTER	**Margaret Wilson, Christine Nelson**
	DEEP RIVER	**Irwin Wilcox, Nancy Fischbach**
	EAST HADDAM	*Robert Boulware, Logan Clarke*
	ESSEX	*Fred Vollono, Ed Marlowe*
	HADDAM	*Scott T*hompson, **Susan Bement**
	LYME	*Kevin Mazer*, **J. Melvin Woody**
	OLD LYME	**Rudi Besier**, *Ted Crosby*
	OLD SAYBROOK	*Jim Keaney, 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

Acting Chairman Melvin Woody, called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM at the CRERPA office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nancy Fischbach moved to accept the minutes for the meeting of June 24, 2004. David Blatt seconded. All were in favor.

GUESTS

Anita Balleck and Phil Ashton from East Haddam presented a case in favor of purchase of a 40 acre parcel of the East Haddam river ridgeline as open space. The Gateway Commission responded favorably in theory to limited participation and encouraged Mr. Ashton to pursue purchase options through Paul Miller, one of the principals in the land's Family Limited Partnership.

CORRESPONDENCE - STAFF REPORT

Linda noted the following:

- Former Commission member Harriet Noughton sent a friendly hello upon reading her CRERPA Newsletter.
- The Deuterman Dock application in Hamburg Cove has been officially withdrawn.
- Essex and Old Saybrook have been officially designated to be the first to implement a Dock Management Plan as mandated by last session's State Legislature.
- The Hartford Courant's Sunday Supplement ran an article on CT River Museum's exhibit "Then and Now" highlighting historical changes to the river as evidenced by the

museum's photograph collection. Judy Preston offered to ask Museum Director Stuart Parnes for copies of the historic photos pertinent to the Gateway.

- The Connecticut Watershed Council wrote to acknowledge that Chris Joyell has left their employ. Though he is currently working for the League of Conservation Voters, he expects to be leaving the area for more southern climes in the near future.
- CRERPA is updating its website. Commission members were encouraged to log on. Links will be added to the 17 CVCEO towns as well as to the Midstate Planning Agency.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Peggy Wilson reported that the signatories for the checking account will not be changed to accommodate the new Secretary until after the Biannual Meeting scheduled in October. David Blatt and Raul DeBrigard agreed to serve as a nominating committee for the coming term's officers. **moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.** Nancy Fischbach seconded. All were in favor.

June's bills included Tidewater staffing for $4178.17, CRERPA staffing for $1101.55, and Landtrust Alliance Membership fee for $550.00. July's bills were for CRERPA staffing in the amount of $736.31 and Tidewater staffing for $2995.08. The difference in Tidewater staffing was due to a third payroll period in the month of June. **Rupe Wilcox moved to pay the bills in the amount of $9,011.11.** Nancy Fischbach seconded. All were in Favor.

REFERRALS

No applicable referrals were received this month, although Linda did respond to one height variance (not visible from the river) from Essex that had been built to 48.5' purportedly because the variance was granted for "approximately 45'." The letter urged the commission to hold to the 45' limit.

TIDEWATER INSTITUTE

Judy Preston reported on the progress of the Tidewater Institute including participation with PACE and Rockfall, development of a newsletter, and progress on the riparian buffer grant. She will look into the possibility of including the Gateway Commission on a river trip for the October meeting.

OTHER / NEW BUSINESS

Linda provided the Commission with an updated chart showing the status of passing the new standards in each of the Gateway towns. Deep River is the first town to have passed the standards on August 19, 2004. Ed Marlowe and Fred Vollono attended a discussion in Essex that was frustrating but worthwhile. Linda's conclusion on the matter is "Just be patient."

ADJOURNMENT

Rupe Wilcox moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Gateway Commission at 9:45 PM. Peggy Wilson seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Dorothy H. Papp

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

Thursday, September 23, 2004 **at 7:30 PM**