

CONNECTICUT RIVER GATEWAY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 22, 2005

Present/Absent:

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fred Vollono at 7:37 pm in the CRERPA meeting room.

Approval of Minutes

Nancy Fischbach moved to approve the minutes of July 28, 2005 as submitted. Logan Clarke seconded. All voted in favor.

Guests

David Blatt introduced Terry Yasuko Ogawa who will be working with the DEP for two years as a NOAA Coastal Services Center Visual Impact/Visual Assessment (VIVA) Fellow. The Gateway Commission welcomed Terry and looks forward to working with her on river view related issues.

Correspondence/Staff Report

Linda Krause reported on receipt of the following correspondence:

- Two letters regarding the Haagenson Preserve to be discussed later in the meeting
- A Special Issue of LTA's *Exchange* publication dealing with Conservation Easements
- The Summer 2005 edition of The Trust for Public Land's newsletter
- Notification from DEP that application to the EPA for a no discharge area project for Guilford to Groton has been completed and submitted
- 2005 Annual Report from the Council on Environmental Quality
- October, 2005 Sound Outlook Newsletter from DEP

- The Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Study Update
- Invitation to the Southeastern New England Marine Educators Fall Conference
- Invitation to Old Saybrook's Informational Workshop on designing Founders Memorial Park at the site of the former Coulter Street landfill.
- Notification from the Town of East Haddam's Assessor's Office of a difference in acreage recorded for 2 Gateway parcels according to GIS mapping calculations.

In addition the following correspondence was sent:

- A memo to each of the Gateway member towns regarding the change to the Gateway Standards to be brought to public hearing on October 27, 2005

The Land Trust Alliance has requested a Gateway Commission resolution adopting LTA's standards as a condition of membership and insurance participation. **Logan Clarke moved to adopt LTA's standards.** Nancy Fischbach seconded. Ted Crosby encouraged board members to read the complete set of standards on the web. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Peggy Wilson reported the following:

- Gateway investment manager Frank Wolcott is selling Tyco and buying a financial spider, which apparently trades like a stock and acts like a mutual fund. Although he was under no obligation to report the changes, questions from the Board arose. He will be requested to give more information in the future.
- Joe Wollack has finished the 2004/05 Gateway Audit. Copies were made available to members.
- Chubb Insurance sent papers asking the Commission to decide on Terrorism coverage which looked to amount to \$141. **Peggy Wilson moved to reject terrorism insurance.** Melvin Woody seconded. All were in favor.
- **Melvin Woody moved that bills to CRERPA for \$568.13, Tidewater for \$1851.96, and Atty Geraghty for \$132.50 be paid.** Logan Clarke seconded. All were in favor.
- **Logan Clarke moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as given.** Nancy Fischbach seconded. All were in favor.

Referrals

There was one referral requiring action last month from the Town of Haddam to change their zoning regulations. Linda reported that the changes had no particular impact on the visual scene of the river. **Melvin Woody moved to approve the regulations as proposed.** Nancy Fischbach seconded. All were in favor.

Tidewater Institute

Judy Preston now has class on Thursday evenings and unable to attend meetings. She sent copies of the Fall 2005 Tidewater Newsletter to update Commission members.

Status of Gateway Standards

After some discussion, it was agreed that Fred Vollono would bring up the topic of the Gateway Standards in Essex and Rudi Bessier will speak to some people in Old Lyme in an effort to bring a degree of comfort regarding their passage.

Other/New Business

East Haddam Village District Standard Hearing:

Linda Krause apologized that she was not able to advertise the public hearing in time to hold it this month, but has scheduled it for October 27, at 7:30pm at the CRERPA office. Stan Greimann was present and asked the Commission to explain its thinking as he saw the specificity of the proposed regulation as dangerous. After initial discussion, it was agreed that in the interests of protecting the regulatory process, further comments should be kept until the public hearing. Stan said he would submit written comments at that time.

Chester Appeal Status:

Atty. Geraghty has lowered his fee to \$200 per hour in response to Gateway's request for a municipal rate. Though Linda has not spoken with him recently, charges in August were for "motions for default for failure to appear."

Haagenson Preserve Status:

Attached to the official copy of these minutes will be the response the Gateway Commission received from the CT Audobon Society regarding its decision to put the Preserve up for sale and development, as well as a letter written to Connecticut Legislators from Friends of the Haagenson Preserve. The Attorney General's office has indicated an ongoing interest in the situation and requested that no sale take place before its office completes its investigation.

The Gateway Commission's Annual Meeting is scheduled for next month. It was agreed that the meeting will begin at 7:00 to allow basic business to be completed before the public hearing begins at 7:30.

There being no further business, **Logan Clarke moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Papp