# GATEWAY REGULAR MEETING

# NOTICE & AGENDA

DATE: September 23, 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 08/26/04 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 - Presentation
7. Status of New Standards
8. Other/New Business
9. Adjournment

**Next meeting of Gateway Commission is on October 21, 2004**

# CONNECTICUT RIVER GATEWAY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

## September 23, 2004

| **Present/***Absent***:** | | |
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| | **CHESTER** | *Margaret Wilson,* **Christine Nelson** |
| | **DEEP RIVER** | **Irwin Wilcox, Nancy Fischbach** |
| | *EAST HADDAM* | *Robert Boulware, Logan Clarke* |
| | *ESSEX* | *Fred Vollono,* **Ed Marlowe** |
| | **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**

Acting Chairman Rupe Wilcox, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the CRERPA office.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Ed Marlowe moved to accept the minutes for the meeting of August 26, 2004..** Rudi Besier seconded with the **correction to record Rudi Besier's presence.** All were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE - STAFF REPORT**

Linda could not be present due to a conflicting Regional Emergency Management Summit being held concurrently with the Gateway meeting. Dorothy noted the following correspondence in Linda's absence:

- Welcome to the new Gateway member from Old Saybrook, Madge Fish, who was appointed to replace Jim Keaney at the completion of his term.
- Jim Keaney had been the acting Secretary of Gateway, so **Rudi Besier nominated Madge Fish to take his place until the annual elections at the Annual Meeting in October.** Nancy Fischbach seconded. All were in favor.
- Tom Miner sent notice that he is retiring as executive director from the Watershed Council. **Raul De Brigard moved that the Gateway send a note of appreciation for all his efforts over the years.** Christine Nelson seconded. All were in favor.
- CRERPA Staff had lunch at Gillette's Castle on Tuesday in full view of Schaller's dock. There are significant questions as to how the upland walkway to the dock was permitted. CRERPA will contact ZEO Cathy Jefferson for further information.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

In Peggy Wilson's absence to Italy, Dorothy distributed the August investment report. **Nancy Fischbach moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.** Raul De Brigard seconded. All were in favor.

**Nancy Fischbach moved to pay the bills to CRERPA for $1289.25 and for Tidewater Services for $4098.60.** David Blatt seconded. All were in Favor.

**REFERRALS**

Dorothy reported in Linda's absence that East Haddam has proposed a new zoning district abutting the river. The public hearing will remain open at least until October 12. Linda has not had time to look at the proposal yet and would appreciate any input from Gateway members. Raul wondered if the proposed regulations could be emailed to Gateway members. Christine Nelson asked if they could be accessed from East Haddam's website. CRERPA will look into it.

Dorothy mentioned that there were also a couple applications from Essex that were not visible and required no discussion. Raul and Ted Crosby wondered as to their location and how the determination of non-visibility was made. Dorothy knew nothing further and reported that she would pass the questions onto Linda.

**TIDEWATER INSTITUTE**

- Judy Preston reported on her participation in Land Use Leadership Alliance (LULA) training, and handed out copies of the Tidewater Institute Newsletter.
- She said PACE was looking for ideas for this semester's Yale students to use as practica. Ted Crosby suggested the need to look into the effects of motorized boats in the shallows of the river and sound. Raul wondered if there were ways to take fuller advantage of the State riverfront along the railroad in Haddam.
- Judy reminded Commission members of the Rockfall Symposium on October 9, 2004. Linda Krause will be a speaker.
- Judy will try to schedule the River Quest flat bottom boat for a Gateway river trip for a weekend day in November.

**STANDARDS UPDATE**

- The Gateway Standards information meeting in Chester was moved to September 30, 2004
- Stasia DeMichele reported that Haddam has scheduled their Gateway public hearing in November. Gateway staff will be present to answer questions from the public
- The new standards seem to be having a positive effect in Deep River: the DEP referenced them in a dock application; and Nancy reported that a new housing application in excess of 4000 sq. ft. had been received.

**OTHER / NEW BUSINESS**

- Christine Nelson reported that Old Saybrook is receiving an award from OLISP for visual and/or physical coastal access through road endings.

- Ed Marlowe reported that a gabion stone wall was being erected on the river near the Essex/Old Saybrook line and wondered if there were applicable permits.

- David Blatt reported that OLISP is applying for a fellowship student to work on a visual impact assessment project. It is a complex application and student matching system culminating in April, 2005.
- Next month's meeting will also be Gateway's Annual Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Nancy Fischbach moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Gateway Commission at 8:25 PM**. Christine Nelson seconded. All were in favor.

## LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER LAND TRUST

ANNUAL MEETING

September 23, 2004

Acting Chairman Rupe Wilcox opened the Annual Meeting of the LCRLT at 8:25 PM in the CRERPA office in Old Saybrook, CT.

**Raul De Brigard moved that all new members of the Gateway Commission be named members of the LCRLT.** Ed Marlowe seconded. All were in favor.

**Christine Nelson moved that the LCRLT pay two bills out of Tidewater's account: $238.00 for the Newsletter and $231.03 for mileage expenses to Judy Preston.** Nancy Fischbach seconded. All were in favor.

**Christine Nelson moved to certify a resolution authorizing Tidewater Institute to enter into and sign contracts on behalf of the Lower Connecticut River Land Trust, Inc., with the Connecticut Department of Environment Protection.** Nancy Fischbach seconded. All were in favor.

A discussion followed regarding the continuing relationship between Tidewater Institute and the Land Trust. Raul De Brigard and Rudi Besier were particularly in favor of TI establishing itself as an independent entity, though they both clearly stated their support of Judy's work with Tidewater and her relationship with the Gateway Commission. Discussion will be ongoing.

Ted Crosby reported on a Land Trust easement received from Giesen in Old Lyme some years ago which has never been filed in the land records. The original copy of the deed has been misplaced. Dorothy said she would look for it one more time in the office files. Meanwhile Ted will begin the process of drawing up a new deed to put the situation at rest.

**Ed Marlowe moved to adjourn the meeting of the LCRLT at 9:04PM.** Nancy Fischbach seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Dorothy H. Papp

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

**Thursday,** October 28, 2004 **at 7:30 PM**