

GATEWAY REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE & AGENDA

DATE: October 28, 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

1. Call to Order
2. Acceptance and Approval of 09/23/04 Minutes
3. Staff Report
 - a. Guests
 - b. Correspondence
4. Finances
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Approval of Bills
5. Referrals - As Received
6. Report of Nominating Committee
7. Election of Officers
8. Tidewater Institute
9. Status of New Standards
10. Other/New Business
11. Adjournment

Next meeting of Gateway Commission is Thursday, December 2, 2004

CONNECTICUT RIVER GATEWAY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2004

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| 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 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

Chairman Fred Vollono, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the CRERPA office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nancy Fischbach moved to accept the minutes for the meeting of September 23, 2004..
David Blatt seconded. All were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE - STAFF REPORT

Linda noted the following correspondence and staff notes:

- Ed Marlowe could not be present because he is undergoing surgery.
- Judy Preston could not be present due to an Inland Wetlands Meeting.
- There have been two recent articles in the area press indicating a trend away from sheer size to quality of construction in the region's building and design industry.
- The office of Long Island Sound Programs responded to an inquiry from Guilford on building height management by referring them to the Gateway Commission.
- The retaining wall along the river in Old Saybrook noted by Ed Marlowe at a previous meeting was indeed constructed without the necessary permissions. The contractor admitted making a mistake. Madge Fish who is also the Chair of Old Saybrook's Planning and Zoning Commission said the situation is currently being assessed. **Nancy Fischbach moved to write a letter to Old Saybrook's zoning enforcement officer with copies to the OS Commission and the DEP.** Melvin Woody seconded. All were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Peggy Wilson distributed final copies of the audit for fiscal year 03/04, along with the monthly investment report. She noted that Fidelity's Magellan Fund has been down for the last 5 years and questioned the wisdom of holding on to it any longer. Nancy Fischbach wondered if there were fiscally sound green funds worth investing in. It was agreed that Peggy would consult Frank Wolcott and report on his advice.

Peggy also asked about Director and Officer's liability insurance coverage. Logan Clarke requested the cost of such a policy be researched.

Nancy Fischbach moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and to pay the bills to CRERPA for \$962.66, Tidewater Services for \$2277.00, Chubb Insurance for \$1069.00 and \$618.00, and the auditor for \$4000. Logan Clarke seconded. All were in favor.

REFERRALS

In response to last month's query as to variance applications that warrant discussion by the Gateway, Linda reported that she pays particular attention to applications for height changes. She also explained that if a variance is sought for increased lot coverage only on the road side of an existing building, it is deemed not visible from the river.

Linda also reported a concern for East Haddam's proposed changes to their zoning regulations in that they include an 85 foot height limit for live theater uses. **Nancy Fischbach moved that the Gateway Commission send a letter stating the 85 feet exceeds current Gateway Standards and that the Commission cannot support such a proposal without further discussion.**

Melvin Woody seconded. All were in favor.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

David Blatt reported for the nominating committee, moving a slate of incumbents for the coming year. Nancy Fischbach seconded Fred Vollono as Chairman, Melvin Woody as Vice-Chair, Peggy Wilson as Treasurer, and Madge Fish as Secretary. All were in favor.

Logan Clarke moved that the Secretary cast one vote for the slate. Peggy Wilson seconded. All were in favor.

TIDEWATER INSTITUTE

In Judy Preston's absence, Linda reported that there has been an offer from River Quest to provide Commission members with a river trip at no cost. Commission members expressed an enthusiastic interest and arrangements will be made as soon as possible.

A short sidebar discussion regarding the possibility of lighting standards along the river ensued.

STANDARDS UPDATE

- The Gateway Standards public hearing in Chester is scheduled for November 4, 2004.
- The Gateway Standards public hearing in Haddam is scheduled for November 15, 2004.
- East Haddam held an informational meeting on October 14, 2004. The response was positive.
- Stuart Parnes met with Linda on behalf of some Essex residents to discuss how he might facilitate communication and alleviate fears surrounding the new standards. Linda suggested that he attend the upcoming public hearings in other towns and meet with the people in Essex again after the other Gateway towns have a chance to accumulate some experience with the new standards.

OTHER / NEW BUSINESS

David Blatt reported on the Coastal Management Area expansion, offering towns further up the Connecticut River the opportunity to establish coastal management areas. Linda believes the opportunity will be a welcome benefit to Haddam and East Haddam.

ADJOURNMENT

Nancy Fischbach moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Gateway Commission at 8:40 PM. Logan Clarke seconded. All were in favor.

LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER LAND TRUST

Logan Clarke moved to convene a meeting of the LCRLT at 8:40pm on October 29, 2004. Melvin Woody seconded. All were in favor.

Logan Clarke moved to pay two bills out of Tidewater's account: \$243.55 for postage to mail the Newsletter and \$95.76 for mileage expenses to Judy Preston. Nancy Fischbach seconded. All were in favor.

Logan Clarke moved to adjourn the meeting of the LCRLT at 8:45PM. Melvin Woody seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Dorothy H. Papp

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

Thursday, **December 2**, 2004 at 7:30 PM