

CONNECTICUT RIVER GATEWAY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 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>
	<i>HADDAM</i>	<i>Scott Thompson, Susan Bement</i>
	LYME	<i>Kevin Mazer, J. Melvin Woody</i>
	OLD LYME	Rudi Besier, Ted Crosby
	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

Chairman Fred Vollono called the regular meeting of the Gateway Commission to order at 7:30 pm in the CRERPA meeting room.

Approval of Minutes

Logan Clarke moved to approve the minutes of October 27, 2005.
Nancy Fischbach seconded. All were in favor.

Correspondence/Staff Report

Linda Krause reported that of the nine CRERPA towns, four elected new selectmen in November. They are Clinton, Chester, Killingworth, and Westbrook. A regional orientation to include the Gateway Commission/Region is scheduled for December 14, 2005. In other election news, of the eight Midstate towns, there are also four new selectmen, though the selectmen for Haddam and East Haddam were both reelected. Stasia DeMichele was reelected to the Haddam Planning Commission.

The Commission received a notice of a public information workshop in Old Saybrook on Tuesday, December 20, regarding the concept plan for Founder's Park at the base of the old leaf dump.

The Land Trust Alliance sent an obituary for their founder Kingsbury Browne.

Treasurer's Report

Peggy Wilson reported 4 bills to be paid:
\$155 to Andrews, Young & Geraghty for work on the Chester ZBA Appeal
\$703.89 to CRERPA for October staff services
\$2217.60 to CRERPA for Tidewater Services
\$1730 to Chubb Insurance for liability insurance

Logan Clarke moved to pay the bills. Rudi Besier seconded. All were in favor.

Referrals

There were no referrals to report for October.

Guests

John Schroeder, architect for Dave and Maria Otfinoski in Chester, presented some early design concepts for a house on a previously undeveloped lot north of Parker's Point and south of Middletown Yacht Club. The proposed coverage will entail a special permit according to the current Gateway Standards and Mr. Schroeder wanted to get a sense of design priorities from the Commission. Roofline, color, riparian buffer, tree cover maintenance were all touched on. Mr. Schroeder assured the Commission that his clients were outdoor enthusiasts committed to helping to maintain the "traditional and natural river scene."

Tidewater Institute

Linda Krause noted that the Gateway's commitment to Tidewater was through December only and that no further request had been made to date.

Status of Gateway Standards

Linda reported that East Haddam is quite close to having their public hearing and passing the new standards.

Rudi noted that the process has stalled out for the time being in Old Lyme due to the interpretation of the riparian buffer requirement as too restrictive on the individual property owners.

Other/New Business

Linda Krause distributed proposed wording for a motion to adopt the East Haddam Village District zoning regulations as a Gateway Standard. Rudi Besier proposed the addition of the word *only* to the *area affected* in the first paragraph. Nancy Fischbach noted that the same paragraph should refer to the *East Haddam Zoning Regulations*.

Nancy Fischbach moved to accept the motion as revised. Logan Clarke seconded. All were in favor. The full motion is attached to these minutes.

The necessary papers for the appeal of the Chester board of Appeals decision have been filed. There has been no further action to date.

Linda received a memo regarding a meeting about the Haagenson Preserved that has been rescheduled to December 15 at Anita Balleck's home, to discuss possible acquisition of the property for conservation. The town, the land trust, and the Gateway have each expressed interest in helping such an acquisition.

Logan Clarke moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm.

The next meeting of the Gateway Commission is Thursday, January 26, 2006