

CONNECTICUT RIVER GATEWAY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2004

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

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Melvin Woody, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the CRERPA office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Logan Clarke moved to accept the minutes for the meeting of October 28, 2004. Peggy Wilson seconded. All were in favor.

GUESTS

Attorney Dick Reeder, architect Brooke Girty, and Fenwick zoning officer Dick Leighton presented information on the proposed renovation of the Hepburn house in Fenwick Borough. Federal Historic District regulations allow for a FEMA exception to raising the house 13 feet. The proposed plans "hurt everyone a little and nobody a lot" according to architect Girty and have already received positive comments from the Historic District. The Gateway Commission was appreciative of the presentation so that they will be well prepared to react to the ZBA application when it arrives.

Sally Snyder, DEP Watershed Coordinator for the lower River basin introduced herself to the Commission and was welcomed to the estuary region.

CORRESPONDENCE - STAFF REPORT

Linda noted the following correspondence and staff notes:

- The Gateway Commission received a Certificate of Honor from Rockfall, particularly recognizing Melvin Woody and K.C. Mazer as continuing and original members of the Commission. Ted Crosby, Linda, and former staff Stan Greimann were present to receive the certificate. The framed certificate will be housed at CRERPA. The Commission agreed to send a thank you note to Rockfall.

- Haddam and Chester have joined Deep River in adopting the new Gateway Standards. Phil Miller from Essex has asked Linda to sit down with him and Joel Marzi to discuss Joel's concerns.
- East Haddam has made no response to the Gateway's request to discuss the pending zoning height changes. Linda will contact the zoning chair personally.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Peggy Wilson made the following report:

- Officer liability insurance would cost a minimum of \$900/year. She does not recommend investing in it.
- Frank Walcott's opinion on Green Funds is that they are generally too restricted to do well. Commission members with experience with specific successful Green Funds are requested to pass information along to Peggy.
- The Commission's bond investments are non-callable and provide 6 to 7% annual income.
- Overall investment income for 2004 to date has been about 13%.
- It may be time to cash in the Commission's Fidelity accounts for investment through Frank at Merrill Lynch.
- This month's bills are to CRERPA for \$853.82, Tidewater Institute for \$1214.40, and \$25.00 for filing the annual report.

Christine Nelson moved to liquidate Gateway's Fidelity Accounts for investment through Frank Walcott at Merrill Lynch. Madge Fish seconded. Lengthy discussion followed. **Madge Fish moved the question.** Logan Clarke seconded. All were in favor.

Christine Nelson moved to accept the Treasure's Report. Logan Clarke seconded. All were favor.

Logan Clarke moved to pay the bills. Christine Nelson seconded. All were favor.

REFERRALS

There were no referrals this month.

TIDEWATER INSTITUTE

Judy Preston reported on the following items:

- A river trip, donated by the owners of **RIVERQUEST** housed at the River Museum, is scheduled for Saturday, December 11, at 9:00 AM. The opportunity was met with enthusiasm.
- The Land Use Leadership Training Program is moving forward.
- Request for a letter of support from Gateway for a grant request to pull together GIS data layers for the Gateway region.

OTHER / NEW BUSINESS

Christine Nelson moved to adopt the 04/05 meeting schedule to be sent to the Secretary of State. Logan Clarke seconded. All were in favor.

Linda announced that there will be a presentation at Lyme Public Hall on December 9 about the region's sense of place that she plans to attend.

An invitation will be extended to Fenwick Borough to participate on the Gateway Commission as ex officio members.

ADJOURNMENT

Logan Clarke moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Gateway Commission at 9:00PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted for Madge Fish,

Dorothy H. Papp

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

Thursday, January 27, 2005 at 7:30 PM