

Connecticut River Valley Council of Elected Officials
January 27, 2005
Minutes

I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Denvir at 12:05 PM at the Fox Hopyard Golf Club in East Haddam...

II. Minutes

Phil Miller moved that the minutes be approved as circulated. The motion was seconded by Tony Palermo and approved with Jim McCusker abstaining from the vote.

III. Legislative Update

A. Congress

Betty Wagner distributed copies of a report prepared by Jane Dauphinais regarding funding for I95 projects.

Betty distributed a report on the progress of the fire fighters bill and a position paper on Rob's stand on Social Security. The Social Security paper prompted a discussion. Suggestions included the elimination of the maximum cap for contributions.

IV. Old Business

EMS

Tony Palermo reported on behalf of the committee studying the EMS problem. He recommended that the CRVCEO form a regional EMS Committee that would send out a RFP. It was reported that Jim Heit of Middlesex Hospital has reported that SECOG sent out a RFP and had no responses.

Questions that erupted included: Can the EMS service be abandoned? What are the rights of the public and the towns? Can OES define the service? Are other hospitals providing similar services or making similar demands? It was determined that the Northwest Region is served by a private provider from Waterbury. Torrington does pay a subsidy.

The PSA is in place but there are no statewide standards for service. No town has set aside funds for EMS service.

V. Committees

There were no committee reports.

VI. New Business

A. Election of Officers

As Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Tony Palermo reported that he had ascertained that the present officers are willing to serve for another year.

He nominated David Denvir to serve as Chairman, Dominique Thornton to be Vice chairman, and Tony Palermo to serve as Secretary. The nominations were seconded by Phil Miller and unanimously approved.

B. Meeting dates

Chairman Denvir proposed the list of meeting dates and towns as attached. The exact locations will be determined by the CEO of the host town. Jim McCusker moved that the list be approved as circulated. The motion was seconded by Alan Bergren and unanimously approved.

V. **Other Business**

A. Phil Miller reported that the Essex Zoning Commission has passed an amendment to the Special Permit for the Household Hazardous Waste collection site, allowing Haddam and East Haddam to participate if they vote to do so. He reported that there has been some difficulty obtaining insurance and displayed a packet of information that he believes will satisfy CIRMA.

Linda Krause reminded the members that any joint activities they might consider should also take into consideration the administrative details. CRVCEO has no formal staff. Staff support is now provided by CRERPA on a voluntary basis, under funding from CRERPA towns.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Palermo, Secretary