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Minutes of Connecticut River Assembly Meeting

**Wethersfield Town Hall
505 Silas Deane Highway
Wethersfield, CT 06109**

May 12, 2011

Attendance:

Members

Joseph Smith, Chairman	Wethersfield
William B. Garner	Enfield
Mark Quinlan	Governor's Representative
Richard Frawley	Windsor Locks
Fran Costanzo	East Hampton
Bill Flagg	South Windsor
Leigh Standish (alt.)	Wethersfield

Others

Mary Ellen Kowalewski	CRCOG
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Joseph Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed guests from CRA towns who had come in to listen to tonight's presentation.

Presentation on Low Impact Development (LID) Principles and Practices by Michael Dietz, CT NEMO Program Director

The main item of business for this special meeting was presentation on low impact development (LID) principles and practices by Michael Dietz, CT NEMO Program Director. The presentation discussed how LID, a land planning and engineering design approach that focuses on minimizing adverse impacts of development on water quality and quantity, can be put into practice in the Connecticut River Assembly Conservation Zone and watersheds throughout the region. At the conclusion of the presentation and discussion, CRA members and others present thanked Mr. Dietz for his informative remarks.

Adoption of Minutes: October 14, 2010 and February 10, 2011

Richard Frawley made and William Garner seconded a motion to adopt the minutes of the October 14, 2010 and February 10, 2011 meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

Update on MA/CT Lower Connecticut River Joint Commission Project

Mary Ellen Kowalewski reported that projects had been selected for use of Small Grants Competition funds, and the projects were underway. Following is a summary of the CT Projects funded.

- **Town of Enfield – Barnes Boat Launch Improvements and Educational Program Production--\$4,100.00.** Purchased and installed a prefabricated educational kiosk located at the Barnes Boat Launch. Grant also included the purchase of fishing guide books, recreational guidebooks, and two heavy gauge aluminum boat launch signs.

- **Goodwin College – Native Vegetation Demonstration Area in CT River Floodplain Restoration, \$5,000.** Purchased and planted native vegetative after invasive species are removed to create a vegetation demonstration area to educate students and the general public.
- **Town of East Hartford – Hockanum River Canoe and Kayak Launch, \$4,000.** Purchased 14 kayaks, 29 lifejackets, and 14 paddles. Kayaks will be utilized as part of summer teen recreational camp.

Report on Municipal Issues and Activities

There were no municipal reports.

Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.