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**Minutes of Connecticut River Assembly Meeting**

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

**October 14, 2010**

**Attendance:**

**Members**

Joseph Smith, Chairman	Wethersfield
William B. Garner	Enfield
Joseph Morin	Cromwell
Richard Frawley	Windsor Locks
Steve Sorrow	Suffield

**Others**

Mary Ellen Kowalewski	CRCOG
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Joseph Smith called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**Adoption of Minutes: April 8, 2010 and June 10, 2010**

Richard Frawley made and William Garner seconded a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 8, 2010 and June 10, 2010 meetings. The motion passed with one abstention (Morin).

**Update on MA/CT Lower Connecticut River Joint Commission Project**

Mary Ellen Kowalewski updated the CRA on the work of this project, including the web-based mapping of recreational resources, CT River Survey, Small Grants Competition, and efforts to draft a Bi-State Memorandum of Understanding. She accepted additional comments on the project maps.

**Update on New DEP Resources to Help Municipalities Implement Low Impact Development Practices**

Mary Ellen Kowalewski reviewed on-line resources and written materials that are being put together by DEP to help communities change local regulations and practices, in order to minimize negative impacts on the natural environment, including rivers and other water bodies. The CRA expressed an interest in receiving a future presentation from the Connecticut DEP or the UConn Center for Land Use Education and Research (CLEAR) on this topic. Members also discussed the impact of DOT storm water management systems on water quality, specifically questioning who is responsible for environmental controls in these types of projects.

**Resolution Acknowledging and Thanking Jeanne Dilworth**

Jeanne Dilworth, a long-standing member of the CRA from Portland has resigned, with regret, from the CRA due to personal reasons. Richard Frawley made and William Garner seconded a motion to send a letter to Ms. Dilworth, thanking her for her service, and extending the good wishes of the CRA. The motion passed unanimously.

**Report on Municipal Issues and Activities**

- Richard Frawley reported on the Town Center Planning that is underway in Windsor Locks, including moving the train station to the north part of Main Street, and efforts to rehabilitate and reuse the Montgomery Building for housing or some other uses. There are some difficult design issues associated with this reuse, as the former factory building sits between Main Street and the Windsor Locks Canal, and the Connecticut River.
- Joseph Smith reported on potential purchase of a farm as open space in Wethersfield, which may require environmental clean-up prior to use.
  - Joseph Morin of Cromwell reported that the new Riverfront Park at the Cromwell/Middletown town line is complete. Also that a large propane filling station has been established on land next to the Mattabessett District Sewer Plant.
  - William Garner reported that a bike path has been established over the Rt. 190 Bridge between Enfield and Suffield. This path cannot yet connect to the Windsor Locks Canal Trail.
  - Steve Sorrow reported that Suffield is sponsoring a Connecticut River Clean-Up on Saturday.

**Other Business**

Members agreed that staff should establish a schedule of bi-monthly meetings for 2011, and that the CRA should not meet again until January 2011 at the earliest.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.