

**MINUTES OF THE
HVCEO
MEETING OF MAY 19, 2000
AT BROOKFIELD, CT TOWN HALL**

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES IN ATTENDANCE

Bridgewater.....Alternate Robert Brown
Brookfield.....Alternate Lynn Beardsley
Danbury.....Mayor Gene Eriquez
New Fairfield.....First Selectman Patricia Gay
New Milford.....Mayor Arthur Peitler
Newtown.....First Selectman Herbert Rosenthal
Ridgefield.....Alternate Selectman Peter Yanity
Sherman.....First Selectman Donna Tuck, Chairman

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Attorney Ted Backer, Don Mackenzie of the Lake Zoar Authority, George Breitweiser of CL&P, Camille Acquanita and Jonathan Chew of the HVCEO staff.

CALL TO ORDER AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Donna Tuck at 12:35 P.M. Public comment was offered by Don Mackenzie of the Lake Zoar Authority.

REVIEW OF DRAFT TESTIMONY FOR FERC RELICENSING HEARINGS

A discussion was held on this topic. Then on a motion made by Gene Eriquez and a second by Patty Gay, it was voted unanimously to incorporate into the HVCEO testimony a statement from the Lake Lillinonah Authority received by staff during the week and also a statement of the Lake Zoar Authority received at this meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The issue concerning negotiations and strategy for the purchase of conservation easements for hydroproject related lands was then discussed. Then on a motion made by Patty Gay and a second by Donna Tuck, it was voted to enter executive session to discuss strategy regarding the purchase of easements for CL&P properties surrounding FERC regulated NGC hydropower projects.

Remaining in the room were two support staff, Jon Chew of HVCEO and Attorney Ted Backer of Pinney Payne. A discussion on this issue was then held. Then on a motion made by Gene Eriquez and a second by Patty Gay, the Council came out of executive session. No votes were taken during the executive session.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

Discussion then continued, primarily on risks from dam failure and the types of bonds that would be most effective in insuring long term dam maintenance. Attorney Ted Backer also noted that his recommendation as to refiling for intervenor status would be given by the following Friday.

APPROVAL OF TESTIMONY

Then on a motion made by Gene Eriquez and a second by Art Peitler, it was voted unanimously to approve the testimony to be submitted to FERC, as included as an agenda attachment and amended by today's discussion. It was also agreed that the testimony would be sent to chief elected officials on the east side for the River for coordination purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 P.M.