



**FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
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**Minutes Regular FRCC Meeting**  
**DECEMBER 17, 2018**  
**Home of Alison Murdock 14 Willow Lane, New Hartford,**

**Attendance:** New Hartford (Alison Murdock, Committee Chair ), Barkhamsted (Roger Behrens) FRWA (David Sinish, E&O sub comm.), National Park Service (Liz Lacy, FRCC Director), Hartland (Dan Bowler), River Steward (Stephan Bastrzycki) FRWA Staff (Laura Hart)

**Absent:** Farmington River Anglers, Metropolitan District Commission, Colebrook CTDEEP (Susan Peterson) Canton(Lans Perry), FRAA (Masi)

**1. Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm by Murdock**

**2. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of November 19, 2018 meeting were approved.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** Laura Hart reported. Total Balance brought forward was \$22,296.25 (\$19,601.61 FRCC checking and \$2,694.64 Pat Keener Fund. After the phone bill the Total Balance as of 12/12/2018 is \$22,238.04 (\$19,543.40 FRCC Checking and \$2,694.64 Pat Keener). There are no uncashed checks. Discussion confirmed that donations may be made to the Keener Fund in a check payable to FRWA and directed to the Keener Fund.

**4. Subcommittee reports.**

**A. Executive:**

- Concern was made of the possibility of a US Government shutdown over funding for the Trump proposed Wall
- Aimee Petras of FRWA is the official signator of FRCC funds administered by FRWA. The 2018-2019 budget of \$105,000 and workplan were approved. Motioned. Bowler Seconded. Perry. Lacy received approval from absent members Colebrook and MDC.
- Approval was obtained from members MDC and Colebrook not at the November meeting for Chairman Dan Bowler, Vice-Chair Tom Stanton, Treasurer David Sinish and Secretary Lans Perry were elected. Alison Murdock will be the Resource Steward Sub-committee chair, and David Sinish will continue as chair of Education and Outreach.

**B. Education and Outreach:**

- Meeting was held on December 3 , 2018
- Bastrzycki had done research and prepared a document re the possibility of a Farmington River App. More research needs to be done on this complicated and potentially expensive project.
- Quilt opening at Capital was recorded by Hart and the video is now on Simsbury Community TV. Video to be put on FRCC Quilt site. Quilt to be moved to DEEP Offices December. River Recreational planning group has met on 12/3 prior to E&O. American Rivers study protocol to be used.

- Discussed creation of a video explaining history, mission and responsibilities of FRCC member groups to protect river segment.
- River Stewards preliminary planning for 2019 season underway.
- 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of FR Wild & Scenic in 2019. General discussion was not to do an event. Copies of FRWA 50h anniversary book were distributed. - Sinish has written a history of Farmington River Wild and Scenic section. NPS was given a copy and subsequently approved.

**C. Resource/Stewardship:** Lacy reported:

- **Gravel operation along Sandy Brook in Colebrook:** No update.

**5. Local Updates in addition to those noted above:**

- **Group** in New Hartford will be working among land use boards to raise awareness of value of Farmington River and its protection.

**6. Next Meeting Dates:**

**FULL Committee January and February** TBA because of possible storm cancellation.

**E and O** by phone at 6:30 on Jan 7

**Resource Management** Jan 8, 6:00 by phone

**7. Adjourn: 7:22 to a Holiday Potluck Dinner**

**ROLE OF TOWN REPS Reminder**

May meeting's discussion led to the need to report issues to town land use officer. Further, FRCC town reps need to meet with town land use boards to remind them of purpose, accomplishments and resource of FRCC.

Reps should also follow their town's minutes of IWWA and Planning and Zoning and report at each meeting.