



**FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
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**Regular FRCC Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, March 25, 2019 7:00 pm**  
**100 East River Road, Barkhamsted, Squire’s Tavern**

**Attendance:** New Hartford (Alison Murdock, RS Subcomm. Chair), Barkhamsted (Mario Santoro and Roger Behrens, Alternate), Colebrook (Tom Stanton, Committee Vice Chair), Hartland (Dan Bowler, Committee Chair and Bob Beeman), Canton (Lans Perry, Secretary), CT DEEP (Susan Peterson, Outgoing Representative who will continue to attend RS Subcomm calls and Pete Aarrestad, New Representative and Matt Goclowski, New Alternate), Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward), FRWA (David Sinish, Committee Treasurer, E&O Subcomm. Chair and Bill Dornbos, FRWA Executive Director New Alternate and Alisa Phillips-Griggs FRWA Water Quality and Projects Coordinator), Metropolitan District Commission (Jim Randazzo, by telephone), National Park Service (Liz Lacy, FRCC Director) Megan White (FRCC Intern), Laura Hart (FRWA staff), Farmington Rivers Angler Association (Mark Swensen, New Representative),

- 1. Meeting called to order at 7:00PM** by Chair Bowler. Members and guests introduced themselves.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of February 25, 2019 meeting were consensually approved.
- 3. Treasurer’s Report:** Farmington River Watershed Association (the fiscal agent of FRCC) staff prepared the treasurer’s report dated 3/19/2019, which was presented by Hart. The beginning balance was \$34,683.48 and the ending account balance was \$34,625.27. Only payment was the phone bill. The remaining untapped FY19 NPS budgeted account balance continued at \$80,000.00. The Committee agreed to move \$372 from Land Protection Funding to Grants to cover part of FALPS grant; agreed to move \$200 from Open House Funding to Publications; agreed funds from interns and Jr River Rangers will go to an additional assistant river steward.
- 4. FRWA Water Quality Monitoring Presentation – by Alisa Phillips-Griggs:** Too much data to adequately summarize, but some takeaways were that all analytes were acceptable per aquatic life criteria. There was a detectable ongoing increase in road salt pollution, and E. Coli levels in certain reaches at certain times were quite high.

**5. Subcommittee reports:**

**-Executive:**

- FRCC MOU and By-Laws** – Bowler led lengthy discussion and suggested that all FRCC reps and alternates be familiar with the FRCC organizational by-laws and the Memorandum of Understanding that is the basis for FRCC.

## **-Resource/Stewardship:**

- **MDC Plans at Colebrook Lake** – Randazzo announced a meeting at MDC in April that is calling together the Hogback Commission and other stakeholders to hear a presentation and discuss the MDC’s plans for withdrawing from management at Colebrook Lake dam and the decommissioning of Colebrook hydro. A previous stakeholder meeting (not called by MDC) on March 7 in New Hartford was also discussed with a summary of concerns including future flow regimes, MDC lands along the river, and the uncertainty this presents to many stakeholders including FRCC – and W&S interests.
- Peterson requested that RS agenda be sent out 1 week prior to call.

## **-Education and Outreach:**

- **River Steward Program** -Discussion of history of stewards and plans to gather user data this season.
- **Recreational Users Plan** – Suggested that a contractor may be hired to assist in the process for convening the important stakeholders to suggest ways to help guide sustainable recreational use of the river.
- **25<sup>th</sup> “Concert by River Series”** - set for area behind New Hartford Town Hall on 5/26/19, 6/30/19, 7/28/19, and 8/25/19.
- **“History of W&S”**- Draft out for comment.
- **Farmington River Quilt** - is being displayed currently at East Granby.
- **Scholarship Outreach** – discussed distribution of information about scholarships and awaiting applications.

## **6. New Business:**

- Lacy suggested an orientation session for new reps and alternates, and proposed a possible retreat to increase understanding of W&S, FRCC, and future directions. Lacy to follow up.

## **7. Local Updates and Organizational Reports:**

- **Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook W&S Designation** - Will be a new W&S segment with separate funding and management committee from FRCC. Lacy and Bastrzycki will assist in new LFR and SB management committee formation and start up.
- **Barkhamsted** - FALPS appreciated grant. Ginny Apple’s Earth Day (4-28-19) fund request discussed. **Stanton moved to grant \$350. Sinish seconded. Unanimously approved.**
- **FRWA**- noted new Executive Director Bill Dornbos’ hiring.
- **MDC** - noted that Colebrook Dam outlet gate maintenance may require 70’ drawdown of Hogback. Another concern for downstream fisheries and recreation.
- **FRAA** - discussed Banquet, Movie Night, Speakers, Stocking Program and need to draw younger demographic. Extensive discussion of Canton’s Town Bridge project and improving communication by DPW to abutters.
- **Intern** - White discussed invasives and other mapping work.

## **8. Next Meeting Dates:**

- **Sub-committees:**
  - Education and Outreach - Mon 4/8 - 6:30 by telephone**
  - Resource and Stewardship - Tues. 4/2 - 6:30 by telephone. (866-423-6894 code 9815966)**
- **Full Committee: April 15, May 20, June 17.**

**9. Adjourn:** Moved Tom Stanton, Second Roger Behrens, Approved Unanimously. 9:28 PM adjournment.