



**FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
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**Approved Minutes of Regular FRCC Meeting**  
Monday October 20, 2008  
Squires Tavern – 100 East River Road  
Pleasant Valley

**Present:** Tim Anthony (MDC), Jamie Fosburgh (NPS), Aimee Petras (visitor FRWA), David Sinish (FRWA), nicki Hall (Hartland alt.), Edna travis (Colebrook alt./Secretary), Fred Jones (Hartland/Vice-chair), Susan Peterson (DEP), Jean Miller (Barkhamsted), Liz lacy (FRCC Director/NPS alt.), Mark Lindquist (New Hartford alt.)

**Not Present:** Canton, FRAA

**1. Call to Order.** Vice-chair Fred Jones called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes of August 18, 2008 meeting:** Approved, with the deletion of the next to last sentence “~~Some members thought that FRWA has historically played the role of informing the public and can also be an advocate for the river.~~” in Section 6 - Town Reports - New Hartford.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** Sinish presented the treasurer’s report. There was one item in the report that was not recognized by Lacy – and Petras pointed out that it was probably for the memorial bench. Lacy reminded the Committee to make sure to submit bills or reimbursement requests to her first so she can record them. Lacy will then send them along to FRWA to be processed. Fosburgh reported that he will be meeting his counterpart in Philadelphia and will be considering how to ensure consistency within the NPS NE region in the way cooperative agreements are handled, specifically in the treatment of initial advances and the transfer of additional funds.

**4. Old Business:**

**Subcommittee Updates:**

#### **Resource Stewardship**

**Land Trust Workshops:** Lacy had not heard from Gillian Bearn, the lawyer Jones had suggested might be willing to hold a workshop on legal aspects of land protection. Given what she understood to be a lack of a clear consensus from the land trust as to the value of such a presentation, Travis asked whether this could be put this off for a month or two as she thought that the Colebrook Land Conservancy might have some additional thoughts about topics for a useful workshop. She will provide Lacy with the name of the new president and Lacy will send out an email asking again for ideas.

**Workshop for MDC Road Crews and Foresters:** Lacy and Lisa Niccolai (Smith) of MDC are continuing to look for a site and project for a part II “hands-on” workshop

**Invasives Report:** Lacy reported that a letter had gone out to Bill Moorhead closing out the project and asking that he provide FRCC with whatever data he has compiled to date. Lacy will contact the state-wide task force on invasive species to identify another possible individual who could complete this project.

**Land Use Study Update:** In Fielding’s absence, this discussion was postponed, although Sinish reported that Jeff Bolton had commenced work on it.

## Education and Outreach

**Interim Subcommittee Chair** - Jones agreed to act as interim chairperson of this subcommittee.

**Website Improvements:** Lacy reported that the website is progressing nicely and is available for viewing internally. Lacy will send a link to everyone.

**Memorial Bench:** We are informed that the bench has been ordered and paid for. The MDC will coordinate the siting and permitting and take care of the concrete slab.

**Open House:** This year's Open House was very successful – there were fewer items but more artists and several of the artists gave talks about their work.

**Nancy Johnson Scholarship:** Lacy reiterated that this year's Nancy Johnson Scholarship was awarded to Lynn Bartolucci.

**Brochures:** Lacy discussed the need to finish up corrections to our brochure which contains two wrong addresses. We have several hundred left and then we can do a re-print. These are needed in part for continued outreach to local boards and organizations. Lacy plans to hold a sticker party at a later date to update information on the brochures.

## Executive

**Grants: Camp Jewell** - The group discussed the proposal submitted by Camp Jewell for a watershed-based program (using FRWA's curriculum) for the after school program. Motion by Jones to fund the Camp Jewell after-school water study program under the FRCC grant program, seconded and approved.

**Riverton Bridge** - Discussion about the request by the Town of Barkhamsted for funding to remove lead paint at the Riverton Bridge. General agreement that it was a good idea but concerns about possible environmental effects if not done properly. It was agreed that Lacy would prepare and circulate a draft letter to FRCC that will be sent to Don Stein, Town Selectman, expressing support of the project but imposing two conditions that must be satisfied before funding can be approved. These are 1. Documentation that the DOT has formally approved the project; and 2. assurance in writing that the project will be conducted by a licensed lead paint abatement contractor, including disposal of the waste, and will be undertaken in a manner fully consistent with the contract. As per FRCC's general protocol the funding will be reimbursed to the town.

**5. New Business/Other** – Lacy said that it was time to think about the annual work plan for next year. She also noted that elections were coming up.

**Partnership Rivers update** - Fosburgh informed the group of a suggestion by Fred Akers, of the Great Egg Harbor W&S River in New Jersey, to the effect that new rivers coming into the PWSR system could use some start-up funding from the more established river groups. This would tide them over until they were able to build their own budgets. There was general support for this concept.

Sinish asked about plans to publicize the new improved website. Lacy suggested that the existing materials, with new stickers, and existing website and links may be sufficient.

## 6. Town Reports:

**New Hartford:** Discussion about the proposed waste water treatment plant upgrade project. A fact sheet on the project prepared by the DEP was handed out. There will be a town referendum on election day and a big turnout is expected. FRCC will continue to follow all developments and will be sure to file comments at the appropriate times on issues under its purview, specifically including habitat, scenic and recreational values.

**Barkhamsted:** Lacy reported that there has been some erosion at the culvert on Mountain Road. The Town is looking for a way to correct the situation.

**7. Next Meeting dates:** November 17, December 15 (Holiday Potluck). January and February to be discussed as they both fall on holidays.

**Adjourned:** 8:40 PM