



**FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
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**Regular FRCC Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, October 19, 2020 7:00 pm**  
**(Held Via Conference Call)**

**Attendance:** Barkhamsted (Mario Santoro, Representative, Roger Behrens, Alternate), Hartland (Dan Bowler, Committee Chair), Canton (Lans Perry, Secretary), FRWA (Laura Hart, Alternate), Metropolitan District Commission (Jim Randazzo), New Hartford (Alison Murdock, RS Subcomm. Chair), Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward), National Park Service (Liz Lacy, FRCC Director, (Andrew Petitdemange, NPS staff signed on at 8:03PM)).

**Absent:** Colebrook (Tom Stanton, Committee Vice Chair), CT DEEP (Pete Aarrestad, Representative, Matt Goclowski, Alternate), FRWA (David Sinish, Committee Treasurer, E&O Subcomm. Chairman), Hartland (Bob Beeman, Alternate), New Hartford (Tony Mitchell, Alternate), Farmington Rivers Angler Association (Mark Swensen, Representative).

**1. Regular Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM** by Chairman Bowler

**2. Approval of Minutes:** Draft minutes of September 21, 2020 meeting were consensually approved.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** Farmington River Watershed Association (the fiscal agent of FRCC) staff prepared the Treasurer’s report dated 10/14/2020, which was presented by Hart due to absence of our Treasurer Sinish. The beginning total balance was \$9,483.27 on 9/16/2020. The Pat Keener Fund balance comprised \$194.64 of the total and was unchanged. \$30,000.00 was added from NPS FY20 on 9/21/2020. During the month \$61.01 from FRCC checking paid the telephone bill. Other expenditures included: \$412.50 to Acorn Studios for map updates; \$550.00 to Laura Hart for prior project assistance; \$3,757.40 for River Steward; and \$200.00 to Christine’s Critters for the Raptors of the River event at PSF. The checking account ending book balance was \$34,307.72 and when added to the \$194.64 Pat Keener Fund the ending total balance was \$34,502.36. The FY2020 NPS budgeted account balance per report was \$15,000.00 on 10/14/2020. The FY2021 NPS budgeted account balance per report was \$150,000.00 on 10/14/2020. The scholarship fund was discussed. The report was consensually approved.

**4. Subcommittee reports:**

**-Executive:** A call was issued for new volunteers to serve as officers of FRCC--Contact Lacy. Lacy led brief discussion of FY2021 budget highlighting critical items that we hope to complete during the next year and discussing several possible projects.

**-Resource/Stewardship:**

- No unusual project updates to report this month. There was a discussion of various potential ideas on Still River Assessment, Upper Watershed Resilience, etc. Laura Hart will bring suggestions to next R/S mtg.

## **-Education and Outreach:**

- **Lacy summarized issues:** Quilt is at FRWA and is planned to go to Avon after COVID. Raptors on the River was a success. Monofilament collection on river to preclude resource damage was discussed. Discussions continue on best storage and access online library to archive our photos and media.
- **FRCC outreach to river users:** Bowler cited Welcome sign at West Hill Pond and lauded Behrens' continuing wisdom and emphasis on positive welcoming messages not just No! No! No! rules.

Groundwork Bridgeport may offer help on various outreach projects.

FRCC will work to develop an RFP for professional help. Laura Hart and new NPS staffer Andrew Petit demange can help. Possible supplier might be <http://www.waterwordsthatwork.com>

**5. New Business/Other:** Lacy briefly discussed NPS Visitor Use Management study being done by Confluence Research and noted that certain FRCC members may be called and interviewed/surveyed to collect wisdom and information useful for management best practices on "non-point source access rivers".

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

- **Colebrook** – Absent
- **Hartland:** Bowler noted 1.2" and 2.10" of rain in two storms last week added needed water to local streams and got them flowing again.
- **Barkhamsted:** It was noted that the "Nature Havens" bear baiting issue is still being discussed.
- **New Hartford:** No News
- **Canton:** No News.
- **DEEP:** Absent
- **FRWA:** Annual Meeting this Wednesday. W+S Filmfest on 11/19/2020. FRCC Steward Video included.
- **MDC** - Drought continues at moderate to severe intensity. West Branch Reservoir is full and outflowing at 60-70CFS. Colebrook lower than average. Otis drawdown adding needed water. Beach Rock and Saville Dam parking areas are open again. There will be a river flow warning siren test on Tuesday 10/27/2020 at 1PM and 7PM at Hogback.
- **NPS** – Andrew Petitdemange signed on at 8:03PM and briefly introduced himself as new to rivers group but a 10-year NPS veteran who previously worked at Boston Harbor Islands with broad experience in dealing with many resource and outreach issues analogous to those we face. Lacy and Petitdemange will likely visit Squires on 10/30/2020 – details to follow by email.
- **FRAA-** Absent.

**7. Next Meeting Dates: Sub-committee Education and Outreach - Mon. November 2 at 6:30 PM by phone  
Resource and Stewardship – Tuesday November 3 at 6:30 PM (866-423-6894 code 9815966)  
Full Committee: November 16, December 21, January /February meeting planned for February 1, 2021 .**

**8. Adjourn :** 8:14 PM adjournment.