



**FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
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**Regular FRCC Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 29, 2018 7:00 pm**  
**100 East River Road, Barkhamsted, Squire’s Tavern**

**Attendance:** New Hartford (Alison Murdock, Committee Chair), Barkhamsted (Mario Santoro), Colebrook (Tom Stanton), Hartland (Dan Bowler), Canton (Lans Perry), FRWA (David Sinish, E&O Sub comm. Chair), CT DEEP (Susan Peterson), Metropolitan District Commission (Jim Randazzo, by telephone), Farmington Rivers Angler Association (Nick Masi, by telephone), National Park Service (Liz Lacy, FRCC Director); Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward), Laura Hart (FRWA staff) and Madeline McClave (New Hartford Land Trust, NH Open Space Committee)

**1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm** by Chair Murdock. Introductions were made among attendees – including new representative from Canton Lans Perry.

**\*ADDED ITEM**

Madeline McClave, of New Hartford Land Trust and NH Open Space Committee, made a presentation regarding the 93.6 acre Butler Farm property at the confluence of the East and West Branch. Town Board approval of a state and local purchase has been obtained except for the Board of Finance. If the BOF approves, the purchase will be advanced to a Town Meeting. The Land Trust is seeking FRCC financial support for costs associated with the project so that costs are lessened to the town. Resource Stewardship to discuss and make recommendation to full committee. Acknowledgement of approval of previous NHLT request of assistance for 146 Steele Rd.

**2. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of November 20, meeting were consensually approved. There was no meeting in December, 2017.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** Because Eileen Fielding is no longer employed by the Farmington River Watershed Association and is no longer affiliated with FRCC - FRWA (the fiscal agent of FRCC) staff prepared the treasurer’s report dated 1/29/2018, which was presented by Sinish. The beginning balance was \$22,694.64 and the ending account balance was \$35,832.60. This balance represents a \$20,000 transfer into the account from NPS (federal funds) and expenses related to operations, project work, and a return of \$3,748.55 in unused funds (from expiring cooperative agreement) to NPS.

**4. Election of Officers:** The slate of officers to serve until Dec. 31, 2018 was presented. Chair Alison Murdock, Vice-Chair Dan Bowler, Treasurer Tom Stanton, Secretary David Sinish. Motion to approve made by Perry, Seconded by Stanton, Unanimous affirmative vote.

**5. Discussion and Vote on 2018 Budget and Work Plan:** Lacy presented budget and workplan document dated 1\_23\_2018. The sub-committees had approved this at their meetings. Several adjustments were made to reflect current and expected activity and expenditure levels. Total budget amount of \$100,000 was Moved by Perry, Seconded by Bowler. Vote was unanimously in favor.

## 6. Subcommittee reports:

### -Executive:

- Possible changes in meeting time and duration were discussed. No changes made.
- Possible retreat discussed for this fall after new representatives from FRWA and others are in place. Favorable discussion. Planning referred to Exec. Committee.

### -Education and Outreach:

- The **Farmington River Quilt** will be displayed in Hartford in the concourse between the Legislative Office Building and the State Capitol during the month of October 2018. The FRCC information cards to be distributed to quilt viewers were presented.
- **Wild and Scenic 50<sup>th</sup>** (WSR50) celebration. E&O has met several times with Laura Hart (event organizer) and is developing a series of eleven events that may be FRCC events, sponsored by partners, or venues for display. Objective is to better inform public of the value of the Wild and Scenic designation.
- **River Steward** program. By passage of the 2018 budget, the hiring of three assistant stewards for the summer is funded. Two of last year's stewards expressed desire to return, another is interested.

### -Resource/Stewardship:

- **Streambank Assessment** - was completed by consultants at Princeton Hydro. There will be a meeting to discuss next steps and to involve towns in the planning of those steps.

## 7. Other Business and Local Updates:

- **Website and Outreach Assistance** - Lacy reported that Laura Hart of FRWA has agreed to provide work to update FRCC website (including minutes), managing social media, assisting with outreach. Funds to come from adopted budget. FRCC consensually approved 10 hours per week for six months. Lacy to develop agreement.
- **Whiting Street Improvement Project** - in Winsted over the Still River. Susan Peterson described the project and provided Maps and Drawings. FRWA and DEEP are providing comments. Special meeting of Resource Stewardship sub-committee to be convened to discuss and prepare a letter.
- **Colebrook IWWA** has issued a cease and desist order to a gravel project along Sandy Brook.
- **CT State Water Plan** has been approved by Water Planning Council and will be forwarded to Legislature for approval. Plan is a set of guidelines to be used in future water supply planning. Comments may be submitted to Legislators.
- **River Steward Program Presentation** - Lacy and Bastrzycki will present a program on the development of River Steward programs at the National Outdoor Recreation conference in Burlington, VT in April. Moved by Stanton, Seconded by Perry to fund up to \$1,000 for Bastrzycki's registration and expenses. Approved Unanimously.

**8. Next Meeting Dates: Sub-committee Education and Outreach - Mon, 3/5 - 6:30 by telephone**  
**Resource and Stewardship - Tues. 3/6 - 4:30 by telephone.**  
**Full Committee: 3/19, 4/16, 5/21**

**9. Adjourn :** Moved Bowler, Second Perry, Approved Unanimously. 8:51 adjournment.