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Regular FRCC Meeting
March 19, 2018
100 East River Road, Squire’s Tavern
Pleasant Valley, Connecticut

Attendance: Barkhamsted (Mario Santoro Rep, Roger Behrens Alt), Hartland (Dan Bowler Rep), Canton (Lans Perry Rep), FRWA (David Sinish Rep/ E&O sub comm. chair), CTDEEP (Susan Peterson Rep), Metropolitan District Commission (Jim Randazzo, by telephone), Farmington Rivers Angler Association, (Nick Masi Rep) by telephone), National Park Service (Liz Lacy Rep/FRCC Director), Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward), Laura Hart (FRWA staff)

Absent: New Hartford, Colebrook

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Dan Bowler (FRCC vice-chair) in Murdock’s absence.

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of January 29, 2018, meeting were consensually approved.

3. Treasurer’s Report: Laura Hart, FRWA staff member, presented the Treasurer’s report in Tom Stanton’s absence. The beginning balance was \$35,832.60 and the ending account balance was \$ \$34,182.92. This balance represents printing expenses, telephone bill, and a stipend payment to a fall 2017 intern. There remains a separate balance \$5,248.69 for activities related to the 50th W&S anniversary held by fiscal agent FRWA. Lacy distributed copy of 2017 workplan budget of \$100,000 as approved at 1/29/2018 meeting.

4. Subcommittee reports:

Executive: No report.

Education and Outreach:

- **Quilt** - to be displayed at Quilt show in Hartford weekend of 3/24-25.
- **WSR 50** - Discussion of venue for Tim Palmer presentation on October 1. Canton was chosen based on its central location. Planning continues. Hart and Sinish will meet to work on flyer.
- **3/8 E/O meeting** - discussed Instagram and concluded that FRCC websites need to be continually updated, website serves the purpose of up-to-date news and pictures. Hart reported on updates she has done on the FRCC main website – including a calendar and updates to minutes.
- **River Steward** - A third assistant steward has been hired. Another steward will join the team and be paid in college credits. Bastrzycki and Lacy are working on presentation for **National Outdoor Recreation conference in Burlington, VT** and will present to FRCC meeting 4/16.

Resource/Stewardship:

- Lacy and Stanton met with Princeton Hydro staff to discuss their **report on Streambank stability** previously submitted. Next step is to meet with Don Stein. Committee discussed areas at confluence of Sandy Brook (what once was considered Still River) and the wall in New Hartford.
- **Discussion of Winchester Land Trust** request to fund Management Plan and Baseline Assessment required for their recently acquired 121 acre parcel on headwaters of stream flowing into the still River, Lacy will provide more information to discuss at next meeting.

- **Gravel operation along Sandy Brook in Colebrook.** IWWA has placed a cease and desist order. On this expanding operation. Discussion showed that DEEP, Army Corps and other entities were aware of situation. Jurisdiction rests with the town IWWA.
- **Butler property in New Hartford.** After discussion Sinish moved and Perry seconded that FRCC fund up to \$2,000 of cost to prepare a baseline assessment of the 8.1 acre Conservation easement. Funds payable upon the passage of project by Town vote.
Motion passed unanimously. FRAA abstained.
- **Whiting Street** Improvement Project, in Winsted over the Still River. Comments had been submitted by FRWA, FRCC and DEEP.
- **Water Quality:** Monthly sampling to begin 4/11/18.

5. Local Updates:

- Behrens discussed importance of keeping current with CT Legislative activity. Suggested CT Land Conservation Council and River’s Alliance as information sources.
- Canton - IWWA has approved remediation plan of 41 Bridge Street of Streambank cutting and clearing.
- Barkhamsted - Planning for Environmental Fair by Ginny Apple progressing
- Hartland - Bob Beeman is the new alternate rep.
- Colebrook Shayne Young is the new alternate rep.
- FRAA - New board president has been elected. Annual Banquet had over 200 in attendance.
- FRWA - Executive Search is underway. Expect completion in June. Aimee Petras is office contact.
- NPS – Work being done to prepare for cooperative agreement modification.
- DEEP – Campground is opening on first day of fishing season.

**6. Next Meeting Dates: Sub-committee Education and Outreach Mon . 4/2 - 6:30 by telephone
Resource and Stewardship Tues. 4/3 - 4:30 by telephone.
Full Committee: 4/16, 5/21, 6/18**

7. Adjourn: Moved Bowler, Second Perry, Unanimous 9:02 adjournment.