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FRCC Regular Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2018
100 East River Road, Squire’s Tavern
Pleasant Valley, Connecticut

Attendance: New Hartford (Alison Murdock, Committee Chair), Colebrook (Tom Stanton), Barkhamsted (Mario Santoro), Canton (Lans Perry), FRWA (David Sinish, E&O sub comm. chair), CT DEEP (Susan Peterson), FRAA (Nick Masi - by telephone) , NPS (Lacy, FRCC Director), Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward)
Absent: Metropolitan District Commission (Jim Randazzo), Hartland (Dan Bowler) Barkhamsted alt (Roger Behrens)

1. Meeting called to order: at 7:05 pm by Chair Murdock.

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of March 5, 2018, meeting were consensually approved.

3. Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Stanton presented the report:

The beginning balance was \$34,182.92 and the ending account balance was \$29,032.68. This balance represents insurance premium payment, telephone, payroll and funds for Bastrzycki’s attendance at the National Outdoor Recreation Conference. There remains a separate balance \$5,248.69 in FRWA from unspent grant money held by fiscal agent FRWA. These funds are obligated to Laura Hart for outreach work – particularly around the W&S 50th Anniversary. In future Treasury reports, this balance will be included in the Treasurer’s report.

4. Subcommittee reports:

Executive: No Report

Education and Outreach:

Sinish reported on the subcommittee’s meeting on April 9, 2018:

-Quilt: was displayed at Hartford Stitches show with about 4,000 attendees. To be displayed at Quilt show. Hanging of quilt for October 1 opening at the Capital will be on 9/30 AM . Stanton and Murdock have volunteered to help. First Congregational Church n Torrington will be showing at their Quilt Exhibition is September.

-WSR 50: Discussion of venue for Tim Palmer speech on October 1. Laura Hart to determine what venue in Canton will be appropriate. Time from 2-6. Flyers for WSR, as developed by Sinish and Hart and edited by E&O committee were approved. FRWA and FRCC will have tables at Environmental Fair in Barkhamsted on 4/29.

-River Steward Report: Bastrzycki and Lacy will be presenting at the National Outdoor Recreation conference in Burlington, VT about how to develop a successful River Steward program. Assistant river stewards will be working on a variety of projects including invasive plants removal work days.

Resource/Stewardship:

- Stream Bank Enhancement: Lacy met with Don Stein, Debbie Bryden and Rich Novak to discuss Princeton Hydro suggestions for a major riverbank problem area on West River Road near the confluence of Sandy Brook and Farmington, as well as sites along East River Road. Will be following up in May.

- Winchester Land Trust request for assistance for a Management Plan and Baseline Assessment required for their recently acquired Houlihan Woods parcel - 121 acres on headwaters of stream flowing into the Still River. **Moved**

by Perry, Second by Stanton, Vote Unanimous to provide land protection assistance grant of \$1,600 to Winchester Land Trust.

- **Gravel operation along Sandy Brook in Colebrook:** Cease and desist of operation by Colebrook P and Z, and IWWA. Although a local issue, CT DEEP and Army Corps are following activity and involved due to magnitude of operation not appropriately permitted.
- **Butler Riverfront property in New Hartford:** Two public site walks have been scheduled. Perry was on the first walk and reports that the Butler family has done an impressive job of creating a walkable trail.
- **Whiting Street Improvement Project** in Winsted over the Still River. Comments have been submitted by FRWA, FRCC and DEEP. No further action reported.
- **Water Quality:** Monthly sampling is continuing through November.
- **Invasives** – Corrigan working to revise brochures. Will collaborate with River Stewards, FALPS and others for work days.

5. Local Updates (in addition to those noted above):

Canton –Peterson reported that dispatcher at Canton Police Department ha suggested installing emergency mile markers along W&S section to aid in rescue. Request came in through fisheries. Site work has begun on new DPW garage.

New Hartford - Jack Casey of Mainstream Canoe has constructed a barn close to the river. Permitted in 2005. Lacy suggested Murdock contact New Hartford ZEO Ruth Mulcahy to make sure local zoning requirements of 100 foot buffer in river protection overlay district has been followed.

Barkhamsted - Planning for 4/29 Environmental fair by Ginny Apple is progressing.

FRAA - Opening Day fishing derbies were a success. DEEP posted derby site as no fishing for two week period before opening to prevent poaching before opening day.

FRWA - Executive Search is underway by John Tarvin at TSNEmissionWorks. Aimee Petras is FRWA office contact

6. Next Meeting Dates:

Sub-committees:

- **Education and Outreach Mon, 5/2 6:30 by telephone**
- **Resource and Stewardship Tues. 5/1 4:30 by telephone.**

Full Committee: 5/21, 6/18

7. Adjourn: Moved Stanton, Second Santoro, and Unanimous 8:40 adjournment.