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FRCC Regular Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2018
100 East River Road, Squire’s Tavern
Pleasant Valley, Connecticut

Attendance: New Hartford (Alison Murdock, Committee Chair), Colebrook (Tom Stanton), Barkhamsted (Mario Santoro, Roger Behrens), Canton (Lans Perry), FRWA (David Sinish E&O Subcommittee Chair) CT DEEP (Susan Peterson,) MDC (Jim Randazzo – by telephone), Hartland (Dan Bowler), NPS (Liz Lacy FRCC Director), Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward), Laura Hart (FRWA staff)

Absent: FRAA

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

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of April 16, 2018, meeting were consensually approved.

3. **Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Stanton presented the report -
The beginning balance was \$29,032.6 , plus \$5,248.69 from FRWA Temp Restricted Account, totaling \$34,281.37.
After total expenses of \$523.88 there remains a total combined balance of \$33,519.89.

4. **Subcommittee reports.**

A. **Executive:** No Report

B .Education and Outreach – Subcommittee chair Sinish reported - Subcommittee met on May 8, 2018 by telephone:

Quilt to be hung at Torrington Congo Church 9/6 and 9/7

Quilt to be hung at Capital on 9/30 and Opening on 10/1

WSR 50 Barkhamsted Environmental Fair was rainy but attendance was OK. FRCC/ FRWA booth was a popular draw.

Tim Palmer presentation will be at Canton Community Center on 9/30 from 2-6.

Flyers for WSR50, were distributed to FRCC members for their distribution.

Film series will be in Canton Town Hall auditorium 9/14 and 9/15

River Steward Bastrzycki and Lacy presentation in VT attended by 60-70 people. Bastrzycki will attend the “Authentic Community Engagement: Starting from the beginning of the Story” NPS training event in Lakewood, CO 6/13-6/14. Request for funding assistance. Moved Santoro, Sinish seconded to provide \$500 for expenses. Vote-unanimous.

Assistant Steward Training was May 18. Stewards to develop presentations for WSR50 “Meet the River.” Sinish to present at FALPS meeting in August.

DEEP fishing reports added to Steward website.

Scholarships Behrens recommended two applicants. Timothy Strzepa (New Hartford) and Gabriel Ortiz Celemin (Canton). Recommendation was approved. Discussion of extending notice of scholarship beyond high school guidance contacts to newspapers, parents and social media.

C. **Resource/Stewardship:**

Winchester Land Trust Agreement for \$1,600 grant for Management Plan and Baseline Assessment required for their recently acquired 121 acre parcel on headwaters of stream flowing into the Still River was completed and signed by WLT.

Gravel operation along Sandy Brook in Colebrook. Permitting and control of the site is continuing. Cease and Desist order has been extended to neighboring property. IWWA, Zoning and ZBA have taken action and are involved. Although a local issue, CT DEEP and Army Corps are following activity.

Butler property in New Hartford. Town vote for protection passed.

Invasives General discussion of Corrigan's plan. Further information to be sought. Will request more frequent reporting.

Whiting Street Improvement Project in Winsted over the Still River No further action reported.

Water Quality: Monthly sampling is continuing through November.

5. Local Updates in addition to those noted above:

FRWA Executive Director search underway. Job posting up on many local and national job sites.

Canton Emergency mile markers along W&S section to aid in rescue. DEEP: Gov. Malloy signed an order implementing the State Water Plan and requiring the Water Planning Council to resubmit the Plan to CGA by December 2018 for its review and approval. The Governor also reaffirmed its commitment to water as a Public Trust. DEEP staffer and Lacy exchanged messages. Lacy to continue to follow up.

New Hartford

- "Paddle for Preservation" event June 24 is being organized as a fund raiser for the NH Land Trust.

- Perry reported the cutting of trees along the river downstream of Black's Bridge. Discussion led to the need to report issues to town land use officer. Further, FRCC town reps need to meet with town land use boards to remind them of purpose, accomplishments and resource of FRCC.

Barkhamsted The boardwalk to Beaver Meadow is being completed with an early July opening planned. FRCC and River Stewards will have a presence in the 4th of July parade.

6. Next Meeting Dates: Sub-committees: Education and Outreach Mon, June 4 6:30 by telephone

Resource and Stewardship Tues. June 5 4:30 by telephone.

Full Committee: June 25, July 23 and August 20

June 25 Meeting at Hogback Reservoir

Paddle 5-6

Scholarship Awards and Pot-Luck to follow.

7. Adjourn: Moved Bowler, Second by Several Unanimous 8:27 adjournment.