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Minutes Regular FRCC Meeting
September 17, 2018
100 East River Rd, Squire’s Tavern
Barkhamsted, CT

Attendance: New Hartford (Alison Murdock, Committee Chair by telephone), Barkhamsted (Roger Behrens, Mario Santoro) FRWA (David Sinish, E&O sub comm.), CTDEEP (Susan Peterson), National Park Service (Liz Lacy, FRCC Director), Hartland (Dan Bowler), Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward)

Absent: Farmington River Anglers, Metropolitan District Commission, Canton, Colebrook

1. Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by vice-chair Bowler

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of August 20, 2018 were consensually approved

3. Treasurer’s Report: Lacy presented the report

The combined balance in FRCC and FRWA restricted account brought forward is \$30, 4 93.25. There was no income during the period. Expenses for the base line management plan for Winchester Land Trust, phone bill, Stream crossing survey, river stewards and WS50 planning totaled \$6,911.89 The ending account balance is \$23,581.36 (FRCC checking \$22,494.74 and FRWA temp restricted \$1,086.62).

4. Subcommittee reports.

A. Executive:

- Lacy announced that the National Park Service has approved the fiscal 18-19 budget. Also announced was that scholarships cannot use federal funds.
- Lacy presented Farmington WSR draft Work Plan and Budget October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 and since there were several members absent, Committee members present decided that a vote on the budget would be taken at the November meeting.
- The nomination of officers was discussed. Offices of chair, vice-chair, secretary and treasurer are open. Potential candidates should contact Lacy.
- The need to recruit new members and active alternates was discussed.
- The possibility of a Farmington River app was referred to the E&O committee.

B .Education and Outreach - Sinish reported on subcommittee meeting on 9/10:

- **Farmington River Quilt Project: Important Note: Reservation for showing the quilt must go through Quilt Website to avoid conflicts.** Discussed Quilt at Capital. Hart has been handling publicity, invitations have been sent, and plans for hanging the quilts are underway.
- **River Stewards:** Bastrzycki reports that the 2018 season has closed, and had the most activities of any year. He is working on a year-end report.
- **WSR50:** Wild and Scenic Film Festival in Canton on 9/22, History of Wild and Scenic at FALPS meeting 9/23, Tim Palmer lecture in Canton 9/30 and Quilt at the Capital on 10/1

- **River Over Use (Visitor Use Management Plan):** Lacy discussed establishment of a small committee to guide this study, and sought volunteers. Bastrzycki, Sinish and Lacy will form committee.
- **FRCC Annual Open House: 10/18.** Details discussed. Traveling Trout will supply music, Tom Cameron to be the sole exhibitor, FRCC members and selected others to bring food. Lacy to send out sign-up list.

C. Resource/Stewardship: Lacy reported:

- **This subcommittee is seeking a chairperson as Lacy is acting until new chair volunteers.**
- **Gravel operation along Sandy Brook in Colebrook:** DEEP has issued a notice of violation. Two applications have been received to address the problem. There is local frustration that more progress is not being made and that state and federal agencies have not been adequately involved.
- **Water Quality:** Monthly sampling is continuing through November.
- **Barkhamsted:** Discussions continue re East River Road guiderails, possible sectional closure and one way traffic. Continuing discussion re bank erosion at confluence of Sandy Brook and Farmington. No recent activity.
- **170 Main Street “Main Stream” buildings in New Hartford:** Public hearing of New Hartford P&Z was opened and closed on 9/21. FRWA and FRCC presented letters. David Whitney, Consulting Engineers presented a five page report summarizing the zoning history and d maps, drainage improvements, landscape plan, flood proofing and compensatory storage, building and parking. The Modified Site Pan Map prepared by Whitney and dated 6/12/2018 indicates that the 50’ X50’ barn is not in the overlay district. Lacy is to contact Ruth Mulcahy ZEO to arrange a site visit to be able to confirm that overlay district infringement did not occur.

5. Local Updates in addition to those noted above:

- **FALPS - Friends of American Legion and Peoples State Forest.** Request to discuss the use of scrap nylon mono-filament collection stations. This was to be discussed at E and O meeting but FALPS representative was not in attendance.
- **New Hartford:** Rails to Trails committee to meet and discuss DEEP grant application.

6. Next Meeting Dates:

Open House October 18

Full Committee: November 19

Sub-committees:

Education and Outreach - Mon, October 6 - 6:30 by telephone

Resource and Stewardship - Tues. October 2 - 6:00 by phone.

7. Adjourn: 9:02PM

ROLE OF TOWN REPS Reminder

May meeting’s 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.

Reps should also follow their town’s minutes of IWWA and Planning and Zoning and report at each meeting.