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Minutes Regular FRCC Meeting
August 20, 2018 meeting
100 East River Rd, Squire’s Tavern
Barkhamsted, CT

Attendance: New Hartford (Alison Murdock, Committee Chair), Colebrook (Tom Stanton, Treasurer), Barkhamsted (Mario Santoro), Hartland (Dan Bowler), FRWA (David Sinish, Secretary, and E&O sub comm. Chair), CT DEEP (Susan Peterson by telephone), NPS (Liz Lacy, FRCC Director), Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward), Laura Hart (FRWA staff)

Absent: FRAA, Canton, MDC

1. Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm by Chair Murdock.

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of July 23, 2018, with the following correction were consensually approved.
Satan’s Kingdom Mile Markers: Change “Mile” to “Reference” as they are placed by line of sight. Markers were placed by Canton Fire and EMS department.

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

The beginning combined balance of FRCC checking account and FRWA restricted account was \$18,443.46. After income from the NPS (at ASAP.gov) account of \$20,000, expenses of \$7,950.21 the ending combined balance is \$30,493.25. Expenses were for Invasive Plant Removal, payment to Stewards, telephone and New Hartford Land Trust to reimburse expenses for the Aranow property protection.

4. Subcommittee reports.

A. Executive: Work has progressed on the new budget with sub-committee’s reallocation of project expenses. Draft final budget to be presented for vote in September.

B. Education and Outreach

-Committee met 8/6 discussed Quilt at Capital, W&S 50th celebration, Steward Activity, Open House on October 18, River Over-Use and the budget.

-Further discussion of the October 1, Quilt opening at the Capitol was held re invited attendees, speakers, and time schedule. Decided to have opening program from 10; 00-12:00. Lacy will update the FRCC Major Accomplishments document. Hart to handle PR.

-**River Stewards:** recent activities include: video contest completed with several more followers to the steward program social media, distributing brochures and collecting user data. Most active summer yet, even though weather has been ever changing.

-**WSR50:** FRWA requested funding from the FRCC WSR 50th budget for \$1,100 toward expense for the FRWA’s presentation of the Wild and Scenic Film Festival on 9/22. Moved by Stanton, Seconded by Bowler. Unanimous.

-**Managing River Over Use:** Lacy discussed establishment of a small committee to guide this study, and sought volunteers. Bastrzycki, Sinish and Lacy will comprise committee.

C. Resource/Stewardship

Meeting by phone on August 7:

- Gravel operation along Sandy Brook in Colebrook:** DEEP has issued a notice of violation. Trying to determine whether action will be taken by state or Army Corps.
- Barkhamsted:** Discussions continue with Town, CTDOT and FRCC re East River Road potential guiderails replacement, possible sectional closure and one way traffic. Continuing discussion re bank erosion at confluence of Sandy Brook and Farmington.
- **“Main Stream” buildings in New Hartford:** 170 Main Street - Public hearing to be held on 9/12. Lacy stated that details were available from New Hartford ZEO and that she had sent around plans forwarded by the ZEO to the subcommittee and others. Resource Stewardship to continue discussion regarding any FRCC input to the public hearing.

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. FRCC will discuss and encourage FRAA to join.

New Hartford –Discussed the direct drainage from many properties along Route 44 into the river, and the CT DEEP MS4 permitting program which is aimed at mitigating drainage into river, once implemented.

6. Next Meeting Dates:

Full Committee: September 17, **Open House October 18, November 19

Subcommittees:

Education and Outreach Mon., September 10 6:30 by telephone

Resource and Stewardship Tues., September 11 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.