



FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE
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Regular FRCC Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 15, 2019 7:00 pm
100 East River Road, Barkhamsted, Squire’s Tavern

Attendance: Barkhamsted (Mario Santoro, and Roger Behrens, Alternate), Hartland (Dan Bowler, Committee Chair by Telephone from start to 7:10PM – Bad Connection), Canton (Lans Perry, Secretary), CT DEEP (Pete Aarrestad, Representative), FRWA (David Sinish, Committee Treasurer, E&O Subcomm., Bill Dornbos, FRWA Executive Director, Alternate by telephone from start to 8:12PM) National Park Service (Liz Lacy, FRCC Director), Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward), Metropolitan District Commission (Jim Randazzo by telephone), New Hartford (Tony Mitchell, Alternate).

Absent: Colebrook, Farmington Rivers Angler Association, Hartland

1. Regular Meeting called to order at 7:05PM by Chair Bowler and then handed off to David Sinish as Acting Chair for the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of June 17, 2019 meeting were consensually approved.

3. Treasurer’s Report: Farmington River Watershed Association (the fiscal agent of FRCC) staff prepared the treasurer’s report dated 5/16/2019, which was presented by Sinish. The beginning total balance was \$30,502.12. Funds received included a QBE insurance cancellation refund of \$475.00. Two \$1,000.00 scholarships were paid from the Pat Keener fund. \$12,858.05 from FRCC checking paid for various outreach expenses, a grant for the Matthies Grove Pollinator Project, River Steward Costs, phone bill, and Invasive Plant Management. The ending total balance was \$16,119.07. (The FY19 NPS budgeted account balance remains at \$55,000.00.) After discussion, the report was approved.

4. Subcommittee reports:

-Executive: No specific updates.

-Resource/Stewardship: Did not meet last month but lots of activity.

- **Colebrook/Hogback** - Long discussion of activities at Colebrook Dam and drawdown of Hogback and what the FRCC should do after considering various actions of FERC, MDC, COE, etc. Lack of notice or transparency on the part of these actors violates spirit and letter of W+S Act and troubles FRCC. Lacy will work on strategy and letter to give notice of FRCC concerns.
- **West River Road** – Engineer design work is starting.
- **East River Road** – No action.
- **Invasive Plant Management work continues.**
- **Stream Crossing Survey** - impeded by high water levels then low water levels precluding work.

-Education and Outreach:

- **River Stewards Activities:** On-going work – addressing multiple issues on river including crowding, trash, safety, lack of law enforcement. Plan to participate in Barkhamsted Rec. Camp Scavenger Hunt.
- **Rec. Users Plan:** Bastrzycki discussed survey process and members offered ideas. “LiveStrong”-style bracelets discussed.
- **25th “Concert by River Series”** postcard mailing with news about added reach of river was funded at up to \$2,600 drawn from several accounts. Motion made by Perry, seconded by Aarrestad passed unanimously.
- **Problems with Independent River Travelers** - Tubers. Lawlessness. Violence. Property Destruction. Canton Police unresponsive. No EnCon Police available even if paid. Aarrestad will discuss matters with various DEEP people.
- **Farmington River Quilt** is at Canton Public Library and displayed in segments. Looks Great.
- **Scholarships Fund** – Balance low but may be replenished by donors c/o FRWA.

6. New Business: Discussed previously.

7. Local Updates and Organizational Reports:

- **Barkhamsted:** Parade and Float a success.
- **New Hartford:** Butler Farm easement finalized and awaits New Hartford Town Meeting approval.
- **Canton:** Collinsville Hydro work discussed.
- **DEEP:** Fire Suppressant (PFAS) spill discussed at length.
- **FRWA:** no further comment, Bill had dropped off call at 8:12PM
- **NPS:** Lacy noted next year’s budget approved and Cooperative Agreement modification signed.

**8. Next Meeting Dates: Sub-committee Education and Outreach - Mon. Aug.5 at 6:30 PM by phone
Resource and Stewardship – Tuesday Aug. 6 at 6:30 PM (866-423-6894 code 9815966)**

Full Committee: August 19, September 30, October 24 Open House.

9. Adjourn : 8:59PM adjournment.