



FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE
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Regular FRCC Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 30, 2019 7:00 pm
100 East River Road, Barkhamsted, Squire’s Tavern

Attendance: Barkhamsted (Mario Santoro) arrived at 7:07PM, Colebrook (Tom Stanton, Committee Vice Chair), Hartland (Dan Bowler, Committee Chair), Canton (Lans Perry, Secretary), CT DEEP (Susan Peterson), FRWA (David Sinish, Committee Treasurer, E&O Subcomm.), FRWA (Bill Dornbos, FRWA Executive Director, Alternate) by phone at 7:22PM, Laura Hart, FRWA staff), National Park Service (Liz Lacy, FRCC Director), Metropolitan District Commission (Jim Randazzo by telephone), New Hartford (Alison Murdock, RS Subcomm. Chair) arrived at 7:09PM, Farmington Rivers Angler Association (Mark Swensen, Representative).

Absent: Barkhamsted (Roger Behrens, Alternate), Hartland (Bob Beeman, Alternate), CT DEEP (Pete Aarrestad, Representative), CT DEEP (Matt Goclowski, Alternate), New Hartford (Tony Mitchell, Alternate), Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward),

1. Regular Meeting called to order at 7:03PM by Chairman Bowler

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of August 19, 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 9/20/2019, which was presented by Sinish. The beginning total balance was \$37,014.63. The Pat Keener Fund balance comprised \$1,194.64 of the total and was unchanged during the month. \$9,026.57 from FRCC checking paid for various outreach and concert expenses, River Steward Costs, phone bill, stream-crossing assessments and Invasive Plant Management. The ending total balance was \$27,833.32. The FY19 NPS budgeted account balance is now \$25,000.00. After discussion, the report was approved.

4. Subcommittee reports:

-Executive: Lacy went over status of grants. FALPS paid. NHLT still pending.

-Resource/Stewardship:

- **Colebrook/Hogback** - Drawdown of West Branch Reservoir underway. Temp OK at Riverton.
- **West River Road** – Princeton Hydro awaiting wetlands delineation.
- **East River Road** – No action.
- **Invasive Plant Management** - Work continues. Betsy on for next year. Outreach to FALPS, MDC, FRAA and Trout Unlimited. More mechanical methods. New Stiltgrass protocol.
- **Stream Crossing Survey** – some work done.
- **Satan’s Kingdom** overcrowding and abuse discussed during E+O
- **Still River** – Discussion of potential projects. Concern about intense development in Winsted.
- **Fire Retardant Pollution of lower river** – Task Force report under review.

-Education and Outreach:

- **Discussion of Stewards activities.** Season over. Surveys show more than 400 tubers per hour at peak! Stephan will bring data and discuss at future meeting.
- **River Use Issues** - Long discussion.
- **Quilt is at Granby.**
- **Scholarships Fund** – Balance low but may be replenished by donors c/o FRWA.
- **Open House** will include music by Traveling Trout. Many artists. Lacy organizing. Bring friends.

6. New Business: Motion made by Stanton, Seconded by Murdock and passed unanimously to provide funding of \$600-\$1,200 (Final amount determined by Lacy after review of other funding) to FRWA to support their Film Fest on 11-2-2019.

Motion made by Stanton Seconded by Perry and passed unanimously to spend \$430.00 to print 100 copies of the W+S History.

Motion made by Stanton, Seconded by Sinish and passed unanimously to approve draft budget of \$105,000 for 10-1-2019 to 9-30-2020 as presented.

7. Local Updates and Organizational Reports:

- **Colebrook:** no further comment
- **Hartland:** no further comment
- **Barkhamsted:** no further comment
- **New Hartford:** Butler Farm easement awaits Town Meeting approval. West Hill Pond regs under review.
- **Canton:** Town Bridge completion now scheduled for April 2020.
- **DEEP:** Suggested reconsidering CT DEEP 319 NPS grant program to develop Still River watershed based plan, per discussion about Winsted Still River/US44 stormwater issues associated with new NCCC project. DEEP has been working to eliminate the match requirement to make the financial aspect of the grant less burdensome.
- **FRWA:** River Cleanup scheduled. Meeting at Crown and Hammer first weekend of November.
- **MDC:** West Branch Reservoir down 42' to 598 going to 570. Flow discussion. Drought protocols. Still River at 10cfs. Only 140 cfs at Unionville despite added flow from West Branch Reservoir drawdown.
- **NPS:** No repeat of last year's funding impasse this year.
- **FRAA:** Meeting with Movie and National Speaker scheduled. Drought precluded planned stocking.

**8. Next Meeting Dates: Sub-committee Education and Outreach - Mon. October 7 at 6:30 PM by phone
Resource and Stewardship – Tuesday Nov 5 at 6:30 PM (866-423-6894 code 9815966)**

Full Committee: October 24 Open House, Nov. 18, Dec. 16 (Holiday Potluck).

9. Adjourn : 8:46PM adjournment.