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Regular FRCC Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 18, 2019 7:00 pm
100 East River Road, Barkhamsted, Squire’s Tavern

Attendance: Barkhamsted (Mario Santoro and Roger Behrens, Alternate), Colebrook (Tom Stanton, Committee Vice Chair), Hartland (Dan Bowler, Committee Chair), Canton (Lans Perry, Secretary), CT DEEP (Pete Aarrestad, Representative), FRWA (Laura Hart, FRWA staff and Aimee Petras, FRWA Staff), National Park Service (Liz Lacy, FRCC Director by telephone), New Hartford (Alison Murdock, RS Subcomm. Chair by telephone), Farmington Rivers Angler Association (Mark Swensen, Representative), Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward),

Absent: Hartland (Bob Beeman, Alternate), CT DEEP (Matt Goclowski, Alternate), FRWA (David Sinish, Committee Treasurer, E&O Subcomm.), FRWA (Bill Dornbos, FRWA Executive Director, Alternate), Metropolitan District Commission (Jim Randazzo), New Hartford (Tony Mitchell, Alternate),

1. Regular Meeting called to order at 7:13PM by Chairman Bowler

2. Approval of Minutes: Draft minutes of September 30, 2019 meeting were amended per email and consensually approved.

3. Treasurer’s Report: Farmington River Watershed Association (the fiscal agent of FRCC) staff prepared the Treasurer’s report dated 11/14/2019, which was presented by Hart. The beginning total balance was \$27,987.96. The Pat Keener Fund balance comprised \$1,194.64 of the total and was unchanged during the month. \$14,792.92 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 \$13,195.04. The FY19 NPS budgeted account balance is now \$25,000.00. After discussion, the report was consensually approved.

4. Aimee Petras , FRWA discussed Partnership W&S Rivers Meeting and Stream Crossing Survey Program: She enjoyed the meeting and fieldtrips, learned much and made many valuable connections. She recommends future attendance. There are about 15 Partnership W&S rivers and about 200 W&S NPS rivers. Sample outreach publications and brochures were handed around. Stream Crossings were discussed in detail and sample datasheets reviewed. Our stream continuity data is held at UMass with other Maine to DC data and is available on <https://naacc.org>.

5. Subcommittee reports:

-Executive:

Open House-Bowler noted the great success of the Open House and noted many long time friends who attended.

Election of Officers – Santoro moved to re-elect current officers. Second by Behrens. Passed Unanimously.

Review of Grants - NHLT grant is still pending and the process has been quite lengthy. **Stanton moved with second by Behrens to increase the NHLT grant by \$1,000 to a total of \$3,000. Motion passed unanimously.**

-Resource/Stewardship: Tom & Liz noted MDC's major contributions to W&S stewardship through Jim and Tim.

- **Colebrook/Hogback** - Temp and Flow OK at Riverton. Project progressing.
- **West River Road** – Princeton Hydro work on Stream Restoration Design and Survey continues.
- **East River Road** – No action.
- **Invasive Plant Management** – Betsy and Allison looked at West Bank.
- **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 DEEP meeting about Outstanding Remarkable Values and Problems with River Users-** Attendees included Mike Lambert-Bureau Chief of Outdoor Recreation and Keith Williams-Head of Marine District EnCon Police. Reviewed data on trouble areas. Shared stories. All agreed that enforcement in concert with local law enforcement is critical and that starting early can prevent larger problems. Plan on another Mtg in February. FRCC E+O all pleased with responsiveness and encouraged by engagement promised by DEEP.
- **Discussion of Stephan's activities.** Season over. Reviewed Survey data. Working on Water Trail Map. Current Map emphasizes Fishing. Plan to add info on Picnic spots, Restrooms, etc. Working on RFP for new Rec User Plan and more effective survey.
- **Quilt is at New Hartford Town Hall Top Floor until 12-30-19. Then Simsbury Library on 1-2-20.**
- **Scholarships Fund** – Balance low but may be replenished by donors c/o FRWA.

6. New Business: None – all covered above.

7. Local Updates and Organizational Reports:

- **Colebrook:** ZEO resigned under pressure. Continuing worries about Still River.
- **Hartland:** no further comment
- **Barkhamsted:** no further comment
- **New Hartford:** no further comment
- **Canton:** no further comment
- **DEEP:** no further comment
- **FRWA:** Thanks for Filmfest Support.
- **MDC** no further comment
- **NPS** No repeat of last year's funding impasse this year. But, CR may cause problems.
- **FRAA:** Monofilament tippet collection Project. MDC Nepaug Logging. PFAS. Donations.

**8. Next Meeting Dates: Sub-committee Education and Outreach - Mon. December 2 at 6:30 PM by phone
Resource and Stewardship – Tuesday Dec 3 at 6:30 PM (866-423-6894 code 9815966)**

Full Committee: Dec. 16 (Holiday Potluck), January 27 for Jan and Feb, March 16.

9. Adjourn : 9:08PM adjournment.