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Regular FRCC Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 18, 2021 7:00 pm
(Hybrid Meeting Held Via Zoom and at Squires)

Attendance: Barkhamsted (Mario Santoro, Representative, Committee Vice Chair and Roger Behrens, Alternate), Hartland (Dan Bowler, Representative, Committee Chair), Colebrook (Alison Jassen, Representative), New Hartford (Alison Murdock, Representative), Canton (Lans Perry, Representative, Committee Secretary, RS Subcomm. Chairman and Matt Vinick, Alternate), FRWA (David Sinish, Representative, Committee Treasurer, E&O Subcomm. Chairman and Laura Hart, Alternate), National Park Service (Andrew Petitdemange, Representative), CT DEEP (Pete Aarrestad, Representative), Farmington River Anglers Association (Mark Swenson, Representative), Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward),

Absent: Hartland (Bob Beeman, Alternate), New Hartford (Tony Mitchell, Alternate), Metropolitan District Commission (Jim Randazzo, Representative), National Park Service (Liz Lacy, Alternate, NPS staff), CT DEEP (Matt Goclowski, Alternate),

1. Regular Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM by Chairman Bowler

2. Approval of Minutes: Draft minutes of September 20, 2021 meeting were approved.

3. Treasurer’s Report: Farmington River Watershed Association (the fiscal agent of FRCC) staff prepared the Treasurer’s Report dated 10/18/2021, which was presented by Treasurer Sinish. The beginning total balance was \$54,954.22 on 9/16/2021. The Pat Keener Scholarship Fund balance comprised \$194.64 of that total and was unchanged. \$24,491.39 was spent during the period. \$6,817.14 went to support our River Stewards program. \$2,156.26 went toward the ongoing kiosk replacement project. Six transfers were made to FRWA totaling \$15,517.99: \$42.99 went to reimburse website costs for the Quilt; \$1,350.00 was transferred to FRWA to cover LUMI Google ads; \$3,250.00 covered Fiscal Agent Fees; \$3,000.00 covered Project Assistance; \$3,875.00 covered the fourth and final Water Quality Monitoring payment for FY21; \$4,000.00 covered additional headwaters water quality monitoring in Massachusetts. The checking account ending book balance was \$30,268.19 and when added to the \$194.64 Pat Keener Fund yielded an ending total balance of \$30,462.83 on 10/18/21. The remaining FY2021 NPS CA budgeted account balance per report was \$37,500.00 on 10/18/2021. Consensually approved.

4. Subcommittee reports:

-Executive: . Petitdemange led budget discussion. Bowler discussed election of officers for FRCC next month. Motion by Sinish, Bowler seconded, unanimous vote to increase Bastrzycki annual remuneration to \$21,500.00.

-Resource Stewardship: Perry summarized minutes of last RSS meeting. Motion by Perry, Bowler seconded and \$2,500.00 was unanimously voted as a grant to FRWA to encourage Regional Conservation Partnerships.

-Education and Outreach: Sinish led discussion of website and need for genuine local content we all could help develop. Quilt at Avon needs new secure show place, please help. No updates on Canton River Access. Monofilament box maintenance discussed with FRAA to organize. Stephan’s River Stewards report lauded.

5. New Business/Other: Brief discussion of Canton River Protection Overlay District with members encouraged to study and contribute at public hearing on 10-20-2021.

Motion by Behrens, Perry seconded and \$500.00 was unanimously voted as a grant to Barkhamsted to encourage and assist Conservation Commission's Natural Resource Inventory Project.

Motion by Sinish, Perry seconded and \$1,000.00 was unanimously voted as a grant to FRWA for W+S Filmfest.

6. Local Updates and Organizational Reports:

- **Barkhamsted:** FALPS Benefit at Little Red Barn Brewery was a great success. Thanks to all.
- **Hartland:** Hogback Road Wetlands Violation slow progress. Hemlock Woolly Adelgid status soon.
- **Colebrook:** Jassen sought guidance on grant process. Hart will send info.
- **New Hartford:** Butler Trail Management Plan coming along with Murdock assisting.
- **River Steward:** Nothing Additional
- **MDC:** Absent
- **FRWA:** Filmfest on 11-19-2021. FRWA Virtual Annual Meeting on 11-12-2021.
- **NPS:** All are urged to attend virtual W+S Partnership Rivers Webinar on Wednesday 10-20-2021. Document local volunteer work for awards and as "donations in kind" for funding match purposes. Discussion of facilitated 'Retreat' Meeting to improve performance, discuss future plans etc.
- **DEEP:** No particulars.
- **FRAA:** Swenson discussed stocking done recently with fish from Harding Trout Hatchery. Planned Banquet. Film Tour. Possible Barkhamsted Lions River Cleanup. Possible multi-organization picnic. Guidebook Update underway.

There was an enjoyable period of general discussion and brainstorming that could only occur spontaneously at an in-person meeting.

7. Next Meeting Dates:

Sub-committee Education and Outreach - Monday November 1, 2021 at 6:30 PM Zoom

Sub-Committee Resource Stewardship – Tuesday November 2, 2021 at 6:30 PM Zoom

Full Committee: November 15, December 20, January 17.

8. Adjourn : 9:15 PM adjournment.