



**FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

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**Regular FRCC Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 28, 2022 7:00 pm  
(Held Via Zoom)**

**Attendance:** Barkhamsted (Mario Santoro, Representative, Committee Vice Chair and Roger Behrens, Alternate and Committee Chair), Hartland (Dan Bowler, Representative), Colebrook (Alison Jassen, Representative), New Hartford (Alison Murdock, Representative), Canton (Lans Perry, Representative, Committee Secretary, RS Subcomm. Chairman), FRWA (David Sinish, Representative, E&O Subcomm. Chairman and Laura Hart, Alternate), Metropolitan District Commission (Jim Randazzo, Representative and Lindsay Strole, Guest), National Park Service (Andrew Petitdemange, Representative), CT DEEP (Pete Aarrestad, Representative), Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward).

**Absent:** Hartland (Bob Beeman, Alternate), New Hartford (Tony Mitchell, Alternate), Canton (Matt Vinick, Alternate and Committee Treasurer), Farmington River Anglers Association (Mark Swenson, Representative), National Park Service (Liz Lacy, Alternate, NPS staff), CT DEEP (Matt Goclowski, Alternate).

**1. Regular Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM** by Chairman Behrens

**2. Approval of Minutes:** Draft minutes of January 24, 2022 meeting were approved.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** Farmington River Watershed Association (the fiscal agent of FRCC) staff prepared the Treasurer’s Report dated 2/22/2022, which was presented by Hart. The beginning total balance was \$32,736.24 on 1/19/2022. The Pat Keener Scholarship Fund balance comprised \$194.64 of that total and was unchanged. \$14,500.00 was spent during the period. \$4,500.00 went to Betsy Corrigan as a payment for 2021 Invasive Plant Management. \$10,000.00 went to the Barkhamsted Historical Society as a grant toward the cost of the roof replacement project at the Historic Squires Tavern. The checking account ending book balance was \$18,041.60 and when added to the \$194.64 Pat Keener Fund yielded an ending total balance of \$18,236.24 on 2/22/22. The remaining FY2022 NPS CA budgeted account balance per report was \$165,000.00 on 2/22/2022. Consensually approved.

**4. Subcommittee reports:**

**-Executive:** Petitdemange led discussion on the FY23 budget and work plan. Subcommittee recommendations were explained and general agreement was reached. Petitdemange explained how a simpler budget with less categories and accounts will be easier to administer because there will be less transfers between accounts required to achieve the same results and therefore less administrative review of such changes or fund shifting. Perry moved and Bowler seconded a motion that was unanimously passed to approve the proposed FY23 budget and workplan and to incorporate the suggestion to reduce the total number of accounts for simplicity and ease of administration. Petitdemange is working on the new Cooperative Agreement. Motion by Behrens and Second by Perry unanimously passed to grant \$1,448.99 to Hartland Land Trust for added costs of the Stoeke Bosco project.

**-Resource Stewardship:** Perry, Hart, and Petitdemange summarized last RSS meeting. Refer to February RSSC meeting notes for more detail. All but Hartland and Colebrook will attend Green Sno Pro training.

**-Education and Outreach:** Sinish led discussion of issues from Notes of February E+O Subcommittee meeting. Kiosk content design in process with Mary Crombie. Bowler and Bastrzycki discussed their satisfaction with their virtual meeting with Lambert et al about DEEP's Satan's Kingdom RFP for tubing concession and the FRCC's request that the RFP include provisions suggested by FRCC including directing the concessionaire to properly train their personnel in river etiquette and offering some FRCC assistance. Providing sanitary facilities downstream of the gorge requires a suitable location which has not been finalized yet. Bowler and Bastrzycki have asked about the recipient of concession fees and if some additional funding can be devoted to improve the impacted area. They plan an April on-site follow-up meeting with Lambert et al.

**5. New Business/Other:** None

**6. Local Updates and Organizational Reports:**

- **Barkhamsted:** Local Trout Unlimited Chapter seeks to help on clean up, invasives, etc. Alisa will present a FALPS program on Clean Water and Healthy Bugs at 7PM on 3-24-22. Nature Day is 4-24-22. MDC agreed to look into sanitary facilities at Church Pool and report back. Use of Community Services hours for river improvements discussed. Petitdemange discussed possible NPS Volunteer program synergy.

- **Hartland, Colebrook, DEEP and New Hartford:** Nothing additional.

- **Canton:** Boat launch project won't happen this year. River Steward jobs available.

- **MDC:** Reservoirs full. Colebrook will need to be drained soon to prepare for flood season. Meeting on MDC West Branch plans likely soon.

- **FRWA:** River Cleanup with FRAA, TU et al tentatively Earth Day Weekend 4-23-22. Monofilament Receptacle vandalized @ Whittimore.

- **NPS:** Petitdemange briefly discussed plans for poll about workshop to plan FRCC's next 5 years.

- **FRAA:** Absent

- **River Steward:** Bastrzycki mentioned visitor study of Farmington and Housatonic by NPS consultants. Just got draft, Liz and Stephan and HVA all working to improve with consultants.

**7. Next Meeting Dates:**

**Sub-committee Education and Outreach - Monday March 7, 2022 at 6:30 PM Zoom**

**Sub-Committee Resource Stewardship – Tuesday March 8, 2022 at 6:30 PM Zoom**

**Full Committee: March 21, April 18.**

**8. Adjourn :** 8:39 PM adjournment.