



FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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Education and Outreach Sub-committee

Meeting Notes June 7, 2021

Held via Zoom 6:30-8:08PM

In attendance: Laura Hart (FRWA alt), Dan Bowler (Hartland), Mario Santoro (Barkhamsted), Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward), Andrew Petitdemange (NPS), David Sinish (FRWA), Matt Goclowski (DEEP alt)

Quilt: Avon Library is now open and have us scheduled for August and September. Set-up on Monday, 8/2. Dan to be unavailable, but will contact library to plan for hanging.

Canton River Access Committee: Stephan has been to all meetings except one. Minutes are on Canton website. Discussion is now centering on location possibly next to Waste Water Treatment plant. At meetings Collinsville Canoe and Kayak (CCK) has volunteered to help fund FRCC but cannot due to Fed rules. Discussed other options.

Monofilament Collection Boxes Project is with FRAA.

Kiosks: Andrew to meet with Roger Behrens and Winchester Carpentry to develop schedule of payment and partial construction recognizing that Warner of DEEP has offered storage area for materials.

Stewards: Stephan reported on a very successful training day on 6/5. The day included visit by ENCON officer discussing violation statutes and reporting, review of W&S geography and history by Sinish, review of Steward Handbook and a tour of the river. The special needs candidate did not submit paperwork after several reminders by Stephan. Committee decided to take no action on his employment.

Messaging: There have been several meetings of working group (Laura, Stephan, Andrew and David). Meeting scheduled on 6/10, at which major portions of LUMI's work to be revealed. Discussion of introduction of drafts to entire FRCC summarized that once website is completed notice will be provided.

Laura discussed that with new GIS specialist FRWA employee, the development of a very sophisticated electronic map of the river useful to recreational users is possible. Favorable response from the committee. Cost to be shared by Upper River, Lower River and FRWA.

Stephan discussed that LUMI would like to set-up the new Steward website on WebFlow which is more modern and user friendly. Cost differential is ~\$240 a year. Committee approved that additional cost.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13.
