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Education and Outreach sub-committee

January 2, 2023 Minutes

by Zoom 6:30-7:18pm

In attendance: Dan Bowler (Hartland), Matt Vinick (Canton), Roger Behrens (Barkhamsted alt), Stephan Bastryzcki (River Steward), Laura Hart (FRWA alt).

Quilt: Dan mentioned we should get new rods for the quilts so they do not sag. Laura will research options. Dan will send LOB contact to Laura to set up an exhibit time. Matt to contact the American Mural Project at Whiting Mills in Winsted for a summer exhibit.

Town Annual Reports: Dan mentioned FRCC should be listed in all Town’s annual reports. He will work with Hartland, Andrew is working on verbiage to be used for all Towns.

FRCC Annual Report: Laura is finished up the draft to share with the subcommittee for review. Roger to write the intro. Goal is for final draft to be ready in February.

Kiosks: Goal is to have final drafts to submit to Mary Crombie (graphic designer) in early spring. Stephan is seeking birding information from local experts for Greenwoods (Roger to share John Weeks contact), Laura is in final draft for Hogback (will need MDC review), Matt is in final draft for Churchpool having receiving info from DEEP and others. We will be moving the current Satan’s kingdom info to the tubing takeout location and Stephan will work on etiquette info for the Satan’s Kingdom location. Matt will work with David and the Town of Canton for the new Canton kiosk – discussed Native American fishing grounds, the hydro dam, point of exclusion, etc. Will need Canton input, but likely information will be led by FRCC. Assuming kiosk would be placed a new boat launch Canton is creating.

Budget: review for next fiscal year, all to think about projects. One note is we will not need as much in the kiosks category after this summer (this year we have \$15,000). Those funds could go towards grants to projects such as the HWA in R/S.

Stewards: Stephan has been in contact with 2 previous stewards who may be able to continue this summer. Will have to do outreach for the positions.

AmeriCorps: Update on housing situation. Concerned about distance from USJ. Thinking of other options including the campground.

School St Trail: Roger reported on the FALPS project to develop a easy hiking trail / historical and interactive (signage).

Adjourned 7:18pm.