



FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
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**Regular FRCC Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, December 19, 2022**  
**Squire’s Tavern**

**Attendance:** Barkhamsted (Mario Santoro, Representative, Committee Vice Chair), Hartland (Dan Bowler, Representative), Colebrook (Alison Jassen, Representative, Secretary and R/S Subcommittee Chair), Canton (Matt Vinick, Representative and Committee Treasurer), FRWA (David Sinish, Representative, E&O Subcomm. Chairman and Laura Hart, Alternate), CT DEEP (Pete Aarrestad, Representative, Metropolitan District Commission (Jim Randazzo) – call in), National Park Service (Andrew Petitdemange, Representavie) River Steward (Stephan Bastrzycki), FRAA (Torrey Collins, Representative, Ben Canino, Derrick Kirkpatrick), FVTU, (Jim Buchok, representative and Tom Carpenter, alternate)

**Absent:** Barkhamsted (Roger Behrens, Alternate and Committee Chair), New Hartford (Alison Murdock, Representative and Tony Mitchell, alternate).

**1. Regular Meeting called to order at 6:14 PM** by Vice-Chair Santoro

**2. Approval of Minutes:** Draft minutes of November 21m 2022 meeting were approved.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** Report presented by Matt Vinick. The beginning balance was \$7,633.49. Checks paid include 3,000 to Elizabeth Corrigan for Invasive Plant Management and \$2,400 to Bill Winchester for Kiosk construction. Hartland Land Trust grant will be used in FY 2023. There are also other funds that remain but are obligated including \$1000 to Dennis Quinn for the herpetology study and \$1800 to the Town of Hartland for the NRI project.

The amount budgeted for FY 23 is \$210,000 and Matt Vinick suggested that the committee think about how to best allocate and plan for project funding to maximize impact on the river and groups that depend upon it.

**4. Subcommittee reports:**

**-Executive:** Election of officers will be held in January. Members should consider who might want to serve in leadership positions.

**-Resource Stewardship:** The RFP to gather resources and create a searchable database was discussed. David Sinish proposed that the proposal that Andrew Petidemange created and circulated be posted and that we allow up to \$5000 for the first stage, gathering and identifying material for the database be authorized. Alison Jassen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Aimee Petras and FRWA are investing the potential for land trust Regional Conservation Partnership. Some smaller land trusts are interested particularly about collaboration with the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Project. Some larger land trusts expressed reservation. Aimee spoke w/ Connor Hogan at McClean

Game. refuge who suggested that perhaps they should just go ahead and act like are an RCP and host collaborative events. Planning to host event w/ McClean to discuss wooly adelgid w/ Carole Cheah (CAES) and do training on how to measure hemlock stands on property, etc.

**-Education and Outreach:** Stephan beginning pre-hiring phase for 2023 Summer season. Americorps is interested in placing team on Farmington, government funded, eight-week program, 8-10 person teams will need housing etc. Laura to continue to meet with them. All MDC-located kiosks have been installed.

**5. New Business/Other:**

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

- **Barkhamsted** – No report
- **Hartland:** - No report
- **New Hartford:** No report
- **Colebrook** – No report
- **River Steward:** Previously discussed in E&O
- **MDC:** River flows are higher now. Water has been released from East Branch and Lake MacDonough
- **Canton:** No report
- **FRWA:** Chloride monitoring is underway.
- **NPS:** No report
- **DEEP:** New Budget is approved for next five years.
- **FRAA:** .No report

**7. Next Meeting Dates:**

**Sub-committee Education and Outreach – Monday, January 2, 2023 at 5:30 PM Zoom.**

**Sub-Committee Resource Stewardship – Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 6:30 PM Zoom.**

**Full Committee: January 23, 2023 (moved due to MLK day)**

**8. Adjourn : 6:50 pm**