



**FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

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**Education and Outreach sub-committee**

May 1, 2023 Minutes

via Zoom 6:33-7:32pm

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

**Quilt** – Laura and Dan to find a new solution for hanging the quilts.

**Town Annual Reports:** Matt to work with Canton to have FRCC be added in to the Town’s AR.

**Kiosks:** In final review process. Goal is to have final drafts to submit to Mary Crombie (graphic designer) in May. Reviews by Andrew, Stephan, and Laura have been completed, discussion of final edits and photos. Matt working with Canton to get some historical info for the new kiosk. Roger mentioned the name of the river, Wattunkshausepo, and info from the FRWA guidebook to be used.

**Outreach** – approved the \$350 to support the Barkhamsted Earth Day Nature Festival, per Ginny Apple’s request. River Stewards tabled, as did FRWA and FVTU. New FRCC and FRS banners and tablecloths. Located in Squire’s now.

FALPS may have an invasive plant site at High Bank Rapids with native planting – will bring up at R/S.

**Stewards:** Stephan has been interviewing the 9 people that applied. Discussion of potentially using some of the \$5,000 in Outreach if determined we should hire more than 6 stewards. Training on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Scott Gausen, Park Ranger from the Springfield Armory with interpretation and training skills will conduct a 4-6 hour training for the steward team on user engagement and prompts – follow up to schedule a date for this.

**River Paddle:** scheduled for June 15 or 16. Share invitation list to get a greater buy-in with others. Reps, State Reps and federal officials, DEEP employees, etc. Army Corps invitation discussed. Roger to work with Andrew and create an invitation.

Brief discussion of MDC’s abandonment permit application and Mark Anderson’s goals as discussed at the Barkhamsted Nature Festival with several reps.

*Adjourned 7:32pm.*

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