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Education and Outreach sub-committee

June 5, 2023 Minutes

via Zoom 6:35-7:26pm

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. Next show in September at the LOB.

Kiosks: Mary Crombie (graphic designer) has the content and will begin work mid to end of June. Matt to finalize new Canton kiosk information. Bill Winchester needs to be contacted to determine if he has the 2 new kiosks in storage. Stephan meet with Jim Warner and will reach out to Jeremy from FR Tubing to determine best location for the Satan’s take-out new kiosk placement. Roger to get final soap stone quarry photo.

Stewards: Training on June 3rd with Scott Gausen, Park Ranger from the Springfield Armory with interpretation and training skills. June 4th team visited river sites and helped with the beetle release at Pratt Place, Canton Land Trust. Outreach events including paddles and family days have been scheduled. Junior River Ranger has been popular, discussed creating an app maybe with UCONN grad student in the fall. Maybe create a version for adults too.

River Paddle: scheduled for June 15, starting at Whitmore ending either at Church pool or New Hartford, depends on flows.

Grant: FALPS requesting funds for educational signs, a tribute to David Leff. Bill Winchester is donating his time to build them, FALPS is asking for funding for supplies. Same exact style as our kiosks. Historical interpretation signs. **Laura moved to approve up to \$5,525 as proposed by FALPS, Dan seconded. Passed unanimously.**

Matt discussed Peter Arama, a developer interested in the Hurly Business Park and curious about 100-ft buffer. Also New Hartford house may cut down trees – discussion about outreach to homeowners. Direct mailing. Drive-in will be developed (the 45 acres behind it, next to Morgan Brook).

Invasive Plant removal days to be scheduled with Betsey and the River Steward Team.

All in favor of adding about \$2,000 to the River Steward Team to give one steward an extra day per week.

Adjourned 7:26pm.
