



**FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

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**Education and Outreach sub-committee**

August 7, 2023 Minutes

Via Zoom

Called to order at 6:33

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

**Quilt:** Scheduled for Harford LOB month of September, hanging on 9/1. Laura to get new hanging system in place. Create a PR and ask Mark Anderson, and others to have a small opening for the Quilt. Laura and Dan to work on this.

**Kiosks:** Stephan and Laura met with Mary to support her work on the panels. She has started on Riverton and is reaching out to better quality photos as needed. Matt just updated Collinsville kiosk. Last 2 kiosks have been built.

**Outreach:** Riverton River Day event 9/13 at the Fairgrounds with Barkhamsted Elementary School, 200 kids expected. Stephan to table and Matt to speak about David at the event. Ordering stickers and bracelets to handout to the kids. Agreed to spend \$170 of our “Other” funds on this.

**Junior River Ranger:** Discussed need for more booklets and to create an app. Potential for additions to this program include Senior River Ranger, Seasonal booklets, etc. Laura to reach out to UCONN regarding the app building student project.

**Stewards:** Work with Betsy Corrigan – stilgrass along West River Road, and invasive removal on School St. Less crowded this season, less trash and other issues. Bury tubing this past weekend. Stewards returning to school in the next 2 weeks.

**Open House:** Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>, show with Rick Warters and Tom Cameron to thank them for all the photos for FRCC and the kiosk project. Laura to follow up.

**Ideas for Tributes to David Sinish:** River Day may get named after David. New Collinsville kiosk potentially will be named after David, Matt can help with the Town process if needed. FRWA Wild & Scenic Film Festival on 11/17 Laura to work with Matt on a 2-3min film clip in David’s honor. Memorial planned in PSF 10/21.

*Adjourned 7:30pm.*

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