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DRAFT Regular FRCC Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 20, 2023
Via Zoom

Attendance: Barkhamsted (Mario Santoro, Representative, Committee Vice Chair), Hartland (Dan Bowler, Representative), Colebrook (Alison Jassen, Representative, R/S Subcommittee Chair), Canton (Matt Vinick, Representative and Committee Treasurer, Bill Coleman, Alternate), New Hartford (Alison Murdock, Representative), FRWA (Laura Hart, Representative), CT DEEP (Pete Aarrestad, Representative), Metropolitan District Commission (Jim Randazzo, Representative), FRAA (Torrey Collins, Representative), FVTU, (Jim Buchok, Representative and Tom Carpenter, Alternate)

Absent: National Park Service (Andrew Petitdemange, Representative), River Steward (Stephan Bastrzycki)

1. Regular Meeting called to order at 7:0 PM by Vice Chair Santoro.

2. Approval of Minutes: Draft minutes for the September meeting were approved, after edits from Jim Randazzo were corrected.

3. Treasurer’s Report: Report presented by Matt Vinick. Two workplans shown, as we end fy23 and enter fy24. Total unobligated funds from the past fiscal year - \$5322. **Expenditures for this past budget period FY23: \$22,946** (*\$2625 to Betsy Corrigan for invasive plant mgmt.; \$1055 grant to FRWA for conductivity supplies; \$8520.75 to FRWA for water quality monitoring; \$4050 to FRWA for program assistance; \$5865.25 to Stephan Bastrzycki for River Steward program; \$830 to Town of Colebrook for NRI grant*). And **Expenditures for this budget period FY24: \$6,404.50** (*\$152 for Quilt canvas; \$1230 for Jr. River Ranger badges; \$250 to Barkhamsted Land Trust on behalf of Travelin’ Trout band playing at Open House; \$4772.50 to FRWA for indirect / admin fee*).

4. Subcommittee reports:

-Executive: N/A

-Resource Stewardship: Alison Jassen reported on the 11/7 R/S meeting.

The New Hartford Land Trust (NHLT) has asked for \$10,000 for the Stub Hollow Oliva Property land acquisition at the October R/S meeting. Discussion on funding the same project twice.

Alison Murdock moved to approve an additional \$1500 for the land acquisition bringing the total for this parcel to \$10,000, since they currently have a \$8,500 grant from FRCC from last year’s fiscal year. Alison Jassen seconded the motion. Andrew voted by email. It passed unanimously.

Culvert plans at 532 Hogback moving forward with support from the Town. Potential updates to further upstream at Rt 20 crossing. FRWA, FRCC, and TU to work on this.

Discussion on Flows, etc – creating a working group “Farmington River Flow” to meet in December. Matt Vinick will lead. Alison Jassen, Bill Coleman, Jim Buchok, Dan Bowler, Torrey Collins, and Andrew to be contacted. Both R/S and E&O would have components of this.

-Education and Outreach: Film Fest was a success with 140 people attending in-person and more online. Kiosks – new Canton boat lunch kiosk to get input from Sarah Faulkner and others first. Annual Report project for winter by Laura – will share drafts. Working group with Stephan, Matt, Andrew, and Laura to review and revise existing Jr. River Ranger booklet.

5. New Business/Other:

6. Local Updates and Organizational Reports

- **Barkhamsted** – No report
- **Hartland:** - No report
- **New Hartford:** No report
- **Canton:** No report
- **Colebrook:** No report
- **River Steward:** N/A
- **MDC:** None
- **FRWA:** None
- **NPS:** N/A
- **DEEP:** None
- **FRAA:** Spawning surveys being done
- **FVTU:** Spawning surveys with app on Morgan Brook and Mountain Brook.

7. Next Meeting Dates:

Full committee:

Holiday potluck meeting at Squires on 12/18 at 6pm.

- Subcommittees:

- **Education & Outreach Mon. Dec 4 6:30 PM by Zoom meeting**
- **Resource Stewardship Tues. Dec 5 by Zoom meeting (Bill Coleman joining R/S)**

8. Adjourn: 8:30 pm