



Farmington River Coordinating Committee

FRCC Monthly Meeting

7:00 PM, July 15, 2024

Hybrid Meeting hosted at Squires Tavern and FRWA Zoom

Attendees: Laura Hart, Roger Behrens, Alison Jassen, Dan Bowler, Andrew Petitdemange, Tom Carpenter, Mario Santoro, Pete Aarrestad, Tom Stanton, Torrey Collins.

Called to order at 7:01 PM

June Minutes and TREASURERS REPORT

- Minutes approved following spelling and grammatical corrections
- Treasurers Report.
 - Seeking projects to spend down remaining \$42k.
 - Some will go to two new kiosks in Nepaug Forest.
 - Expenses June 7 to July 12, 2024: \$187.54 website hosting fee; \$4,500 quarterly FRWA Program Assistance invoice; \$7,360 quarterly FRWA Water Quality Monitoring invoice; \$4,772.50 FRWA admin indirect fee; \$10,844.64 Assistant River Steward payments and mileage; \$6,339.51 River Steward quarterly invoice; \$40.54 check order; \$695 Paddling Film Fest grant to CCK.

EXECUTIVE SUBCOMITTEE

- New Officer election will happen in September. Please consider stepping up. Contact Andrew and Laura if interested.
- Andrew will send around the FRCC Procurement policy (Approved February 2023) for committee review and re-adoption in August.

RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

- Invasive plant project will encompass 6800 linear ft along West River Road. Scope was informed by CTDEEP forester Jerry Milne. This project will be executed in phases.
 - Funding for this year and estimates will be used to develop future budgets for invasive plant treatment.
- Hogback Rd Violation. ACOE has sent a second notice of violation. Still no response. Andrew is sending information to Brendan Schain (CTDEEP Lawyer) to see if the state is able to help with enforcement.

- Lower Collinsville Dam Project: June meeting shared the interest to preserve history and archaeological resources. All will be photographed and documented. Project will move forward in 2025. Objections came from Avon Historical.
- West River Rd Bank Stabilization project is seeking new funding sources to resurrect the project.

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

- Dan Bowler willing to chair E&O subcommittee moving forward. Thanks Dan!
- New Junior Ranger Booklets are complete.
 - Short Run will be sent to Goulet Printery.
 - Larger order will be sent to NPS Print Shop.
- Up next – Water trail brochure revision and reprint
- Kiosk back panels are finalizing review and will be printed this summer.
 - Nepaug State Forest will use front panels consistent with all other kiosks. Bill Winchester will build the 2 new kiosk, which was been approved by CT DEEP Jim Warren.
- October 17 – FRCC Open House
 - Fly tying demonstration on the night of the Open House
 - Photographs of the flies on display
 - History of Fly Fishing presentation?
 - Use of different materials and the impact on bird and other species. Thievery and intrigue.
- River Stewards
 - Busy summer season thanks to the combo of rain, sunny hot weather and releases requested by MDC.
 - Stewards have been Counting Tubers and Paddlers
 - Sunday July 14 Hourly thru Satan’s Kingdom

Hour	Concessionaire	Independent	Boaters
10am-11am	0	9	1
11am-12pm	191	66	2
12pm-1pm	270	130	0
1pm-2pm	310	179	4
2pm-3pm	313	151	13

- Nepaug Kiosk at Ramp Rd and Rt 202 entrance.
- Family Fun Day was well attended: 60 people, at river and museum.
- River Stewards at Barkhamsted Summer Camp, Wed 7/17
- Tabled at Christmas in Riverton event, decent attendance
- Rescheduling trail marking with NEMBA
- Paddling Film Festival – great turnout but the films were a little disappointing.
- Paddle with CTDEEP –
 - Successful and fun opportunity to connect with CTDEEP colleagues

New Business

- Expect a grant request from FALPS to reprint their maps.
- Some concern of kiosk vandalism in Nepaug Forest.

Updates

- **Barkhamsted:** Town recognized for achieving Sustainable CT Bronze Certification.
- **Canton:** No Update.
- **Colebrook:** Historical Society Colebrook River Display still up every 11am-1pm, Sat-Sun through the end of August.
- **Hartland:** No Update.
- **New Hartford:** Lots of trash Behind Michealangelo's Restaurant as well as long pipe in the river (unsure if they are drawing water or dumping). FRAA directed to town Conservation Commission but CTDEEP may need to be involved.
- **CT DEEP:** DEEP has been requesting releases from 10bil gallon pool subsequent to the MDC and ACOE temporary agreement. Natural hydrograph coming into Colebrook and flow at Riverton is inverted from what would be expected in summer months. In early July DEEP bumped flow to 300cfs. Backed off to 250cfs by mid July. Over the course of the season, when you add up the current monthly minimums flow requirements, approx. 40bil gallon is be needed. This has implications for future use of the 10bil gallon pool.
 - CTDEEP in the lead to report to the legislature by Jan 1, 2025 on what a long-term flow regime might look like for the 10bil gallon of storage in Goodwin Dam. See [Connecticut PA 24-13](#)
- **FRWA:** No Updates
- **FVTU:** September 7th is the FVTU picnic, all are welcome.
- **FRAA:** Picnic FRAA and FVTU on 7/27, 12-2pm near Ovation. Food, contests, famous fishermen. FRAA recently discussed perceived decreases in macroinvertebrate populations with CTDEEP. CTDEEP will share data with FRAA who may hire entomologists for further study.
- **NPS:** No Updates.
- **MDC:** There has an interest in MDC to reconvene the Hogback Recreation Committee.
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Next meeting August 19th and September 16th

Subcommittees August 5 and August 6

Adjourn 8:15 PM