



FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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Education and Outreach sub-committee

August 5, 2024 Minutes

Dan called to order at 4:34pm – Zoom meeting

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

Welcome to Ciara – FRWA staff who will be joining in and helping with projects.

Quilt: Laura to follow up with Stephanie at to New Britain Museum of American Art, via contact there. Also will reach out to contact at CT Science Center.

Publications:

- a. Jr. River Ranger Booklets waiting to approve hard proof from Goulet. Then order 500 copies. Sending to NPS for next years printing.
- b.
- c. **Water Map** – working group Stephan, Laura, Ciara, Dan edits, then GIS updates in the fall
- d. **Kiosks** – send link with new date
 - a. Nepaug kiosks – Nepaug Trail Committee is happy with the funding. Likely a version of the trail map for the back panel. Bill Winchester is ready to build 2 more.
- e. **6 Monofilament receptacle signs** to be redesigned by Stephan in the winter - mostly have just line in them, not as clogged with trash as before.

Outreach Events:

- a. **River Day** – Stephan and FRWA to participate – same as before, 1 activities per grade. New main speaker, in honor of Pat Keener. Stephan will take the 3rd graders to Whittmore and do a scavenger hunt.
- b. **Open House** – one night event October 17th – flyfishing exhibit – flies as art Matt, Tom, and Torrey to reach out for exhibit. FRWA to bring collection and macroinvertebrate display – could also do a live demo. Matt to reach out. Travelin’ Trout with \$500 donation to Barkhamsted Land Trust. Need to find out display cases. Clear box used for flies to see. Need good lighting. Maybe a magnifying lights too.

River Stewards: Weather cancelling some recent Paddle with the Stewards with CCK. Better flows this summer means more people on the river this year. Over 500 tubers per hour in July. Now about 350 per hour. Steady big number going thru Satan’s. Nice social media posts, so user conflicts. Only 2 more weekends left.

Other: none

Adjourn: 5:02pm