



FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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Education and Outreach sub-committee

November 3, 2025 Minutes

In attendance: Dan Bowler (Hartland and subcommittee Chair), Laura Hart (FRWA), Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward), Roger Behrens and Mario Santoro (Barkhamsted),

Called to order by Dan at 4:33pm

Quilt:

- April showing at the CT Convention Center.
- Dan to follow up with Lisa Williams from the New Britain Museum of American Art.
- Stephan added the Lower Quilt information to the website and created forms for people to request showings for both quilts or individually.
- Need to create a joint description for the home page.

Publications:

- **Website Upgrades**
 - Decided to combine two websites into one to reduce confusion between FRCC and River Stewards, creating a one-stop shop for all things FRCC. This will improve outreach, simplify maintenance, and reduce hosting fees.
 - We will keep the farmingtonriversteward.org domain and use it as a redirect.
 - Website timeline: spring launch.
 - Stephan set up a google doc to review the files of what we want to keep from both sites: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1G_G8dXIMQPRILI-WrtApA7-Vb5upl5bnPUh9RPn1uIE/edit?usp=sharing
 - Stephan to get updated quote from Mike Roy
 - Use kiosk photos, test platform on various browsers, phones, etc
 - Choose files to remove or merge

Outreach:

- **October Open House**
 - Lots of people, good feedback on the exhibit, music, and video. Flood prints and photos going to the BHS for their collection.

River Stewards: no new updates

Other:

Remove canoe at Squires

Hartland NRI's have been printed and a few copies are at Squires now, and 2 at FRWA

- **Grant Proposal:** FRWA requesting \$2,000 for the 8th annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival to be held March 20, 2026, at Miss Porter's Auditorium (more space and ties into the dam removal completed this September). All approved (Laura abstained). Passed and recommended for full committee.

Next subcommittee meeting: December 1 at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.