



FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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Education and Outreach sub-committee

March 2, 2026 Minutes

In attendance: Roger Behrens (Barkhamsted), Matt Vinick (Canton), Laura Hart (FRWA), Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward)

Called to order by Laura at 4:33pm

Quilt:

- April showing at the CT Convention Center – volunteer set-up to be led by MaryPat will be on Monday, April 6th
- Quilt postcards – moving forward with ordering 5000, splitting the cost with the LFSWS, total for FRCC is \$492.50 (*no vote needed, as it is under the \$500 amount*)
- Social media posts continue on Mondays, weekly

Publications:

- **Website Upgrades:** final review meeting on Thursday with Mike Roy and E&O
- **Annual Report:** Laura is working on the 2025 FRCC Annual Report, Roger to write a new cover letter
- **Collinsville kiosk fix:** decided on the double crested cormorant in water photo. Laura to reach out to the Town and Sarah Faulkner for approval. \$75-\$100 fee for graphic designer to complete. Stephan to do the install. Laura to find out if this will be shipped via freight or via ups. Moving forward with this edit. Idea to give the old panel to Colin Sinish.

Outreach:

- Wild & Scenic Film Festival March 20
- FRAA and FRAA and partners River Cleanup April 25
- Barkhamsted Earth Day Nature Festival April 26

River Stewards:

Stephan is getting the team assembled. So far 3 returning (Rebecca 1 day per week, Ryan 2 days per week, and Nate) interviewing more and hoping to had an additional 2-3 river stewards

Other:

Discussed grant proposals.

- **River Day request for \$8,140.** E&O recommends support at \$5,000 up to \$7,000 contingent upon if they are able to offer it for free to the students. Laura to find out if they charged the \$5 fee last year. (in the matching funds email, noted: \$2000 applied to from Eversource, 25 volunteers at 6hours each (valued at federal rate = \$5,218.50), and \$2000 from the students at \$5 each).
- **New Hartford River Rocks requesting \$3,000.** Last year FRCC gave \$2,000 plus \$1,000 for the Riparian Rhapsody puppet performance (hosted by NHLT), so a total of \$3,000. If they are hosting the performance again, FRCC recommends supporting at \$3,000. Otherwise support at \$2,000. Roger to find out from Madeline (NHLT) if they are having the performance again and if they are requesting it separately or not.

Next subcommittee meeting: April 6 at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32pm