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Education and Outreach sub-committee

May 4, 2026 Minutes

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

Called to order by Dan at 4:33pm

Quilt:

- June showing at the Hurley Building for the New Hartford River Rocks event. We will need signage for this.
- Quilt postcards have been printed and are in the office, Laura to bring them to the May meeting
- Social media posts continue on Mondays, weekly
- Quilt video [Quilt Interviews: New England 2026 - American Quilter's Society](#)
- Discussed Lower Committee's idea for a roll-up banner, decided not to have one as the canvases are better suited

Publications:

- **Website Upgrades:** is live, Stephan and Laura to do ongoing edits as needed.
- **Annual Report:** Laura is working on the 2025 FRCC Annual Report, Roger to write a new cover letter
- **Collinsville kiosk fix:** waiting on shipment. Laura to ask if Colin Sinish would like the old one. Laura to write a thank you/recommendation on Pannier's facebook as a thank you (not mentioning the free \$925 panel they are covering for us, but thanking them and mentioning their work ethic). Will be shipped via freight to Canton Public Works.

Outreach:

- FRAA and FRAA and partners River Cleanup April 25 – waiting on feedback
- Barkhamsted Earth Day Nature Festival April 26 – great event, well attended, Roger made 50 bird houses
- CCK Paddling Film Fest? Laura to ask if they will be hosting another one
- River Rocks June 20th
- USACOE asked about our kiosks and to use the same design. They are open to hosting another **Tour of Colebrook for FRCC**. Also they are leading a walk on **National Trails Day June 6th at 10am**.

River Stewards:

- Stephan is getting the team assembled. 5 stewards hired (1 returning, 4 new), 3 wanted to have 24 hours per week. Still have room in the budget for 1 more.
- Paddle with the Stewards events at CCK – **Friday, June 6th 6-8pm** and **Sunday, August 9th 2-4pm**

Other:

- River Day – Jon Sweeton gave a sincere thank you and said that River Day could not happen without FRCC support
- May 16 event at the Barkhamsted Senior Center – Ken Feder to talk about the Lighthouse, sponsored by the North Woods Land Conservancy at 7pm
- Discussed new reps from New Hartford and Canton

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:02pm