



FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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Education and Outreach sub-committee

July 6, 2026 Minutes

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

Called to order by Dan at 4:35pm

Quilt:

- Came down from its June showing at the Hurly Building in New Hartford
- Need to book showings

Publications:

- **Jr River Ranger** booklets being printed. Discussed appropriate grade level or River Day. Laura to ask the school and Jon
- **Annual Report:** Finished, being printed (attached separately, will be on the website soon)

Outreach:

- River Rocks June 20th – outreach report estimated 3000 people attended (separate impact report to be shared)

River Stewards:

- Paddle with the stewards had about 15 people
- Family fun day with macroinvertebrate sampling
- 4th of July parade
- Will have a booth at the Riverton Fairgrounds movie night
- River had extra flows for the 4th of July weekend released
- E&O is approving Stephan to get camera count software at \$149
- E&O is approving \$35 per month for 2-3 months for a river user survey also QR code at kiosks
 - These are part of the River Steward budget and do not need to be voted on
- The survey will be similar to the last one with 10-15 questions, activity, location, \$ spent, zip code of user. Stephan will set up a test survey for FRCC first. Multiple choice with a comment section
- Monofilament receptacles tops are frozen with sand/debris. Need to add something to prevent this, also add drain holes.

Other:

- Discussed East River Road digging trench issue – no valid permit, applied but did not sign. The town is addressing this issue.

Next subcommittee meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 5:27pm