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Regular FRCC Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 27, 2020 7:00 pm
100 East River Road, Barkhamsted, Squire’s Tavern

Attendance: Barkhamsted (Mario Santoro (arrived 7:12PM) and Roger Behrens, Alternate), Colebrook (Tom Stanton, Committee Vice Chair), Hartland (Dan Bowler, Committee Chair), Canton (Lans Perry, Secretary), CT DEEP (Matt Goclowski, Alternate), FRWA (David Sinish, Committee Treasurer, E&O Subcomm. Chairman and Bill Dornbos, FRWA Executive Director, Alternate, and Laura Hart, FRWA staff), Metropolitan District Commission (Jim Randazzo by telephone), National Park Service (Liz Lacy, FRCC Director), New Hartford (Alison Murdock, RS Subcomm. Chair by telephone from 7:10PM), Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward),

Absent: Hartland (Bob Beeman, Alternate), CT DEEP (Pete Aarrestad, Representative), Farmington Rivers Angler Association (Mark Swensen, Representative), New Hartford (Tony Mitchell, Alternate),

1. Regular Meeting called to order at 7:03PM by Chairman Bowler

2. Approval of Minutes: Draft minutes of December 16, 2019 meeting were consensually approved. Thanks extended to Alison for hospitality.

3. Treasurer’s Report: Farmington River Watershed Association (the fiscal agent of FRCC) staff prepared the Treasurer’s report dated 1/21/2020, which was presented by Sinish. The beginning total balance was \$32,614.87. The Pat Keener Fund balance comprised \$1,194.64 of the total and was unchanged during the month. \$18,673.56 from FRCC checking paid for River Steward Costs, two phone bills, and grants. The ending total balance was \$13,941.31. The FY2020 NPS budgeted account balance is now 105,000.00. After discussion, the report was consensually approved.

4. Subcommittee reports:

-Executive:

-Work Plan and Budget Oct 2020 – Sept 2021 Discussed-Bowler and Lacy noted the increase in funding level to \$150,000. Motion by Sinish Seconded by Stanton to approve the Draft 1/23/2020 Plan and Budget as presented and discussed. Passed unanimously.

-Tentative Meeting at DEEP with Mike Lambert et al in Hartford to Discuss Satan’s Kingdom and other river issues-Bowler to seek to set date in mid-Feb and draft agenda and report back.

- Bowler reminded the Committee that Members/Alternates should think about assuming certain FRCC tasks - given Lacy’s time being more limited right now.

-Resource/Stewardship: No Meeting. No Report

-Education and Outreach:

- **Quilt is at Simsbury Library.** Bowler and Rieger spoke to 30+. Avon Next. Maybe Tunxis.

- DEEP Feb 2020 meeting about Outstanding Remarkable Values and Problems with River Users.
- Sinish discussed "Spreading the Word". Website Audiences and Menu possibilities.
- **User Issues**- River User Plan format discussions underway. - Stephan's New Map approved to go to Graphic Artist.
- **Discussion of River Stewards planned for next season.** Ad is out. 3 paid & 1 Intern.
- **Scholarships Fund** – Balance low but may be replenished by unsolicited donors c/o FRWA. Behrens to proceed.

5. New Business/Other:

- **River Access Planning Guide Training** - 3-Day Course offered (3-31-2020 to 4-2-2020) at Simsbury by River Management Society and American Whitewater.
- **NPS Succession Planning** – Sinish discussed need for continuation if NPS personnel changes happen and was assured by Lacy of local record copies in office cabinet and record redundance. Lacy will continue to work with Executive Committee regarding this information. Possibly a sharepoint site on-line to give Committee access to all records.

6. Local Updates and Organizational Reports:

- **Colebrook:** no further comment
- **Hartland:** no further comment
- **Barkhamsted:** Ordinance to be discussed with \$100 fine for feeding animals eg Bears
- **New Hartford:** Trails Committee discussed Trail Designs. More meetings soon. Butler Mgmt Plan.
- **Canton:** Town Bridge progressing. Sinish and Chief of Police to discuss parking by Bristol Farm. Collinsville Hydro Project back underway toward completion late 2020.
- **DEEP:** no further comment
- **FRWA:** Lily Frey Riverfront Property in Satan's Kingdom Secured. Dornbos on Rivers subgroup of Governor's Council on Climate Change. PFAS ban presented to CT House Env. Committee.
- **MDC** - Colebrook Project Complete. West Branch Reservoir Replenishment Underway per Randazzo
- **NPS** - no further comment.
- **FRAA:** no further comment

**7. Next Meeting Dates: Sub-committee Education and Outreach - Mon. Feb 3 at 6:30 PM by phone
Resource and Stewardship – Tuesday Feb 4 at 6:30 PM (866-423-6894 code 9815966)**

Full Committee: March 16.

8. Adjourn: 8:43PM adjournment.