



FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE
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Regular FRCC Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 16, 2020 7:00 pm
100 East River Road, Barkhamsted, Squire’s Tavern
(Held Via Conference Call)

Attendance: Barkhamsted (Mario Santoro), Hartland (Dan Bowler, Committee Chair), Canton (Lans Perry, Secretary), CT DEEP (Pete Aarrestad, Representative, 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), New Hartford (Alison Murdock, RS Subcomm. Chair), Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward),

Absent: Barkhamsted (Roger Behrens, Alternate), Colebrook (Tom Stanton, Committee Vice Chair), CT DEEP (Matt Goclowski, Alternate), Hartland (Bob Beeman, Alternate), Farmington Rivers Angler Association (Mark Swensen, Representative), New Hartford (Tony Mitchell, Alternate), National Park Service (Liz Lacy, FRCC Director),

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

2. Approval of Minutes: Draft minutes of January 27, 2019 meeting were consensually approved.

3. Treasurer’s Report: Farmington River Watershed Association (the fiscal agent of FRCC) staff prepared the Treasurer’s report dated 3/10/2020, which was presented by Sinish. The beginning total balance was \$13,941.31. The Pat Keener Fund balance comprised \$1,194.64 of the total and was unchanged during the month. \$30,000 was added from NPS on 2-6-2020. \$6,199.40 from FRCC checking paid for quilt poster printing, project support, Water Quality Monitoring, and two phone bills. The ending total balance was \$37,741.91. The FY2020 NPS budgeted account balance is now 75,000.00. After discussion, the report was consensually approved.

4. Subcommittee reports:

-Executive:

-Mickey Nordell Remembered-Bowler led a conversation reminiscing about Mickey and her lengthy volunteer service as a River Steward and with FALPS and Audubon. We all will miss her.

-Meeting by Conference call with DEEP’s Mike Lambert and ENCON Col. Chris Lewis discussed Satan’s Kingdom and other river issues-Bowler noted DEEP’s commitment to early enforcement in conjunction with the local police and Jeremy’s private duty officers. An on-site meeting is planned when possible.

-Resource/Stewardship:

-Satan’s Kingdom Trail-Murdock and Bowler led a conversation regarding possible letter expressing opposition to despoliation of gorge and various alternate routes.

-Education and Outreach:

- Quilt will at Avon Library in August and September.

- **Sinish and Hart discussed “Spreading The Word”.** Website Audiences and Menu possibilities. Problems with obsolete links will be sorted out and fixed. FRCC annual report is underway.
- **Mailing List to be updated with additions from Artists and Quilt Shows.**
- **Discussion of River Stewards for next season.** Ad is out. 3 paid & 1 Intern.
- **Alternatives to Band Concerts** discussed. Possibly Still River Festival Tee Shirts
- **Graphic Design Of New River Maps** discussed for kiosks and brochures
- **Scholarships Fund** – Balance low but may be replenished by donors c/o FRWA. Behrens to proceed.

5. New Business/Other:

- **River Access Training Planning Guide-** 3-Day Course offered (3-31-2020 to 4-2-2020) at Simsbury by River Management Society was postponed to October 18-20, 2020.

6. Local Updates and Organizational Reports:

- **Colebrook - Absent** no further comment
- **Hartland:** First Selectman’s tragic accidental death noted.
- **Barkhamsted:** Is Ginny Apple’s Earth Day cancelled?
- **New Hartford:** Covered already
- **Canton:** Town Bridge progressing- to be Zombie Grey color. Collinsville Hydro Project back underway toward completion November 2020.
- **DEEP:** Collinsville Fish ladder plans underway. All preoccupied with Covid-19.
- **FRWA:** Bowler cited Farmington River News as great addition. All preoccupied with Covid-19.
- **MDC** - Colebrook Project Complete. West Branch Reservoir Replenishment Underway per Randazzo
- **NPS – Absent** no further comment.
- **FRAA- Absent** no further comment

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

Full Committee: April 20, May 18.

8. Adjourn : 8:10PM adjournment.