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Regular FRCC Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 17, 2021 7:00 pm
Matthies Grove Pavilion, Peoples State Forest

Attendance: Barkhamsted (Mario Santoro, Representative, Committee Vice Chair and Roger Behrens, Alternate), Colebrook (Alison Jassen, Representative), Hartland (Dan Bowler, Representative, Committee Chair), New Hartford (Alison Murdock, Representative) by phone but left meeting before start due to bad connection from Pavilion, Canton (Lans Perry, Representative, Committee Secretary, RS Subcomm. Chairman and Matt Vinick, Alternate), FRWA (David Sinish, Representative, Committee Treasurer, E&O Subcomm. Chairman and Laura Hart, Alternate), CT DEEP (Pete Aarrestad, Representative and Matt Goclowski, Alternate), Andrew Petitemange, Representative, NPS staff),

Absent: Hartland (Bob Beeman, Alternate), New Hartford (Tony Mitchell, Alternate), Metropolitan District Commission (Jim Randazzo, Representative), National Park Service (Liz Lacy, Alternate, NPS staff), Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward), Farmington River Anglers Association (Mark Swenson, Representative).

Guest: Alisa Phillips-Griggs, FRWA ‘s Watershed Science Director

1. Regular Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Bowler

2. Approval of Minutes: Draft minutes of April 19, 2021 meeting were consensually approved after minor corrections.

3. Treasurer’s Report: Farmington River Watershed Association (the fiscal agent of FRCC) staff prepared the Treasurer’s Report dated 5/11/2021, which was presented by Treasurer Sinish. The beginning total balance was \$50,805.73 on 4/12/2021. The Pat Keener Scholarship Fund balance comprised \$194.64 of that total and was unchanged. \$13,231.50 was spent during the period. Three transfers totaling \$7,068.00 were made to pay costs incurred pursuing FRCC’s River Messaging campaign: \$1,650.00 went to LUMI and payments of \$3,508.00 and \$1,910.00 went to Water Words That Work. \$951.00 was paid to FALPS to cover printing of 4000 Maps. \$5,212.50 was paid to Betsy Corrigan to cover Invasive Plant Management Assistance 7/21/20-9/30/20. The checking account ending book balance was \$37,379.59 and when added to the \$194.64 Pat Keener Fund yielded an ending total balance of \$37,574.23. There were no transfers to the checking account of FY2021 NPS CA funds during the period. The remaining FY2021 NPS CA budgeted account balance per report was \$112,500.00 on 5/11/2021. Consensually approved.

4. FRWA presentation on Water Quality Monitoring: Alisa Phillips-Griggs, Farmington River Watershed Association’s Watershed Science Director offered a comprehensive presentation on the methods used for FRWA’s collection and analysis of water quality data from FRCC’s W+S reach of the West Branch of the Farmington River and areas upstream and downstream and tributaries thereto. She explained how that information is reported and used locally and as part of larger state and federal datasets.

5. Subcommittee reports:

-**Executive:** Items covered elsewhere in agenda

-**Resource Stewardship:** See minutes of R+S meeting held 5/4/21 for detailed information.

- After a brief discussion Perry made a motion to appropriate \$3,000.00 for a grant to the Winchester Land Trust for surveying costs as requested. Seconded by Jassen and approved unanimously.

- Bowler initiated brief discussion of the possible New Hartford Skyway through Satan's Kingdom gorge. There was unanimous agreement that a letter should be sent to the Town of New Hartford expressing our opposition to the idea. Perry agreed to draft the letter and send to Bowler.

-**Education and Outreach:** See minutes of E+O meeting held 5/3/21 for detailed information.

- The River Clean Up was celebrated as a great success. Intend to make it an annual event.
- Kiosk plans discussed. Plans being finalized with suppliers and fund request will be made soon.
- Six FRCC river stewards have been hired. Training plans discussed.
- River Messaging Campaign is making great progress. Possibility of outreach through citizen stewards.

6. New Business/Other: Items previously discussed.

7. Local Updates and Organizational Reports:

- **Colebrook:** Brief discussion of gravel pit and DEEP quarterly monitoring of water data.
- **Hartland:** Bowler will follow up on Hogback Road matter
- **Barkhamsted:** Brief discussion of repurposing Riverton Paper Mill site as historic site and/or trout spawning site.
- **New Hartford and MDC:** Absent
- **Canton:** Collins Company may be repurposed by potential buyer. Town Bridge work continues.
- **FRWA:** GIS mapping specialist on FRWA staff might help develop maps for FRCC if needed.
- **DEEP and NPS:** Nothing Additional
- **River Steward:** Steward Training at Squires on June 5 at 10AM. ENCON Police will present at 11:00.
- **FRAA:** Swensen had no added items

8. Next Meeting Dates:

Sub-Committee Resource and Stewardship – Tuesday June 1, 2021 at 6:30 PM Zoom

Sub-committee Education and Outreach - Monday June 7, 2021 at 6:30 PM Zoom

Full Committee: 6PM June 21 Potluck at Hogback, July 19, August 16, September 20.

9. **Adjourn :** 9:08 PM adjournment.