



FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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**Regular FRCC Meeting Minutes
Monday, November, 15 2021 7:00 pm
Held via Zoom**

Attendance: Barkhamsted (Mario Santoro, representative, Committee Vice Chair and Roger Behrens, alternate), Canton (Matt Vinick, alternate), Colebrook (Alison Jassen, representative), Hartland (Dan Bowler, representative, Committee Chair), FRWA (David Sinish, representative, Committee Treasurer, E&O Subcomm. Chairman and Laura Hart, alternate), Metropolitan District Commission (Jim Randazzo, representative by phone), CT DEEP (Pete Aarrestad, representative), National Park Service (Andrew Petitemange, representative, NPS staff), Farmington River Anglers Association (Mark Swenson, representative).

Absent: Hartland (Bob Beeman, alternate), New Hartford (Alison Murdock, representative and Tony Mitchell, alternate), Canton (Lans Perry, representative, Committee Secretary, RS Subcomm. Chairman), National Park Service (Liz Lacy, alternate, NPS staff), Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward).

1. Regular Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairman Bowler

2. Approval of Minutes: Draft minutes of October 18, 2021 meeting were consensually approved.

3. Treasurer’s Report: Farmington River Watershed Association (the fiscal agent of FRCC) staff prepared the Treasurer’s Report dated 11/08/2021, which was presented by Treasurer Sinish. The beginning total balance was \$30,268.19. The Pat Keener Scholarship Fund balance comprised \$194.64 of that total and was unchanged. Expenses: \$5,031.55 (\$3,664.48 for kiosks; \$1,000 for Film Fest; \$207.65 for Google Ads; \$159.42 for Zoom). Current balance as of 11/8/21 \$25,236.64, plus \$194.64 scholarship fund – total \$25,431.28. \$37,500 remaining balance of NPS Cooperative Agreement funds. Consensually approved.

4. Subcommittee reports:

-Executive: Slate of officers proposed: Roger Behrens, Chair; Mario Santoro, Vice Chair; Matt Vinick, Treasurer; Lans Perry, Secretary. David Sinish requested subcommittee chairs be included in the Executive Committee. Alison Jassen makes motion to include subcommittee chairs in executive committee. Andrew Petitemange seconds. Passed unanimously. Alison Jassen moved to adopt the officers as presented. David Sinish seconds. Passed unanimously. Laura Hart to get email votes from Alison Murdock and Lans Perry as they were not present.

Pete Aarrestad and general discussion by all as to the issue of the name Farmington River Coordinating Committee. Would like to change it to make it more clear to the public and to include Wild & Scenic. Need something that self-describes and need to discuss this before printing kiosks, signage, maps, etc.

Budget – Alison Jassen moved to approve the proposed budget adjustments. Roger Behrens seconded. Passed unanimously. Laura Hart to get email votes from Alison Murdock and Lans Perry as they were not present.

RCP (Regional Conservation Partnerships) meeting to be held virtually on 11/18. Register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0udO2rrjJE9cN7CJ61AlaMizg-ky1AgEN>

-Resource Stewardship: See minutes of R+S meeting held 11/2/21 for detailed information.

- Hart discussed R/S concerns over sanitation issue and need for restrooms along the river. Incentives for Towns and other partners. Mapping locations and public education. Hart will check with Mainstream.

-Education and Outreach: See minutes of E+O meeting held 11/1/21 for detailed information.

- Sinish reported quilt to be up in Simsbury February and March. FRWA to host talks in same room during that time. Canton River Access in Planning and Zoning stage for access. GIS maps to be added to steward site. Paddling time discussion – too many factors to reliably show times.

5. New Business/Other: None.

6. Local Updates and Organizational Reports:

- **Colebrook:** Jassen to contact new 1st selectman in the new year with packet of information.
 - **Hartland:** Bowler reported on Hogback violation, little progress. Engineer has been hired. Check Towns Annual Report for mention of FRCC and prep info for the Towns to include in their Annual Reports.
 - **Barkhamsted:** None.
 - **New Hartford:** Bowler reported Jones Mountain River Cleanup on 11/27 thru New Hartford Land Trust.
 - **MDC:** Jim Randazzo reported on the Hogback Watershed Recreation Advisory Committee meeting 9/30. MDC trying to get out of the contract with Army Corps from 1965 regarding 10 billion gallon water storage rights. Potential for FRCC to be involved. Randazzo to inform FRCC of next meeting dates, Mark Swenson to attend meetings.
 - **Canton:** Matt Vinick to draft letter for all Towns asking to be linked on their Town websites. Sinish reported Canton Overlay District moved to 50 feet on eastern side of river below Nepaug to Dam. Inland Wetlands still has 100 foot protection.
 - **FRWA:** Aimee Petras is the Executive Director of FRWA now. FRWA Annual Meeting with Commission Katie Dykes can be viewed online. Film Festival this Friday 11/19.
 - **DEEP:** Aarrestad reported on the Wild Trout Management Plan draft. Will forward more information.
- River Steward and NPS:** none
- **FRAA:** Swensen reported good collaboration with FRAA and FRGA. Movie night at Legitimus with Matt Vinick's movie 1/12/22. April 23 River Cleanup. Picnic in the summer will all groups.

7. Next Meeting Dates:

Sub-committee Education and Outreach - Monday Dec 6 2021 at 6:30 PM Zoom

Sub-Committee Resource and Stewardship – Tuesday Dec 7, 2021 at 6:30 PM Zoom

Full Committee: Dec 20. Jan 24

8. Adjourn : 9:00 PM adjournment.

Emailed in votes:

Alison Murdock, New Hartford representative emailed on 11/16/21 at 9:36PM: "I vote yes to both motions. Alison Murdock"

Lans Perry, Canton representative emailed on 11/16/21 at 2:31 PM: "Aye to all – Perry, Canton"