



FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
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**Regular FRCC Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, December 20, 2021 7:00 pm**  
**(Held Via Zoom)**

**Attendance:** Barkhamsted (Mario Santoro, Representative, Committee Vice Chair), Hartland (Dan Bowler, Representative, Committee Chair), Colebrook (Alison Jassen, Representative), New Hartford (Alison Murdock, Representative), 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), Metropolitan District Commission (Jim Randazzo, Representative), National Park Service (Andrew Petitdemange, Representative), CT DEEP (Pete Aarrestad, Representative), Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward),

**Absent:** Barkhamsted (Roger Behrens, Alternate), Hartland (Bob Beeman, Alternate), New Hartford (Tony Mitchell, Alternate), Farmington River Anglers Association (Mark Swenson, Representative), National Park Service (Liz Lacy, Alternate, NPS staff), CT DEEP (Matt Goclowski, Alternate),

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

**2. Approval of Minutes:** Draft minutes of November 15, 2021 meeting were approved.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** Farmington River Watershed Association (the fiscal agent of FRCC) staff prepared the Treasurer’s Report dated 12/14/2021, which was presented by Treasurer Sinish. The beginning total balance was \$25,431.28 on 11/8/2021. The Pat Keener Scholarship Fund balance comprised \$194.64 of that total and was unchanged. \$3,953.74 was spent during the period. \$1,812.60 went toward the ongoing kiosk replacement project. Two transfers were made to FRWA totaling \$1,610.00 to support mapping and culvert surveys. \$500.00 went toward supporting Barkhamsted’s Natural Resource Inventory. \$31.13 went to print checks. The remaining FY2021 NPS CA budgeted account balance of \$37,500.00 was transferred in full to the checking account on 11/30/21. The checking account ending book balance was \$58,782.90 and when added to the \$194.64 Pat Keener Fund yielded an ending total balance of \$58,977.54 on 12/14/21. The remaining FY2022 NPS CA budgeted account balance per report was \$165,000.00 on 12/14/2021. Consensually approved.

**4. Subcommittee reports:**

**-Executive:** Bowler led continued discussion of possible name change for FRCC. All recognized the goal of making our entity’s name more easily understood and indicative of our mission and reach of the river. Concerns included: legality and cost of any name change; confusion with Lower; keeping it short. Possible use of a branding tagline was considered. It seemed there was a consensus that 1) at this point, more reps favored keeping the name than changing, and 2) there may be a hybrid approach with the creation of a nickname or business name that leaves the legal name alone. Petitdemange will report back on practical and legal complexities and difficulties of various possible ideas next month.

BHS Squire’s Roofing Letter discussed. Some doubt that the roof relates to our mission. FRCC has regularly paid rent to BHS. No action taken.

MDC’s history on the river was discussed.

**-Resource Stewardship:** Perry, Hart, and Petitedemange summarized last RSS meeting.

Motion by Murdock, Sinish seconded and \$1,500.00 was unanimously voted as a grant to FRWA to encourage Green Sno Pro Training for watershed towns including Winsted/Winchester.

Motion by Perry, Petitedemange seconded and \$10,000.00 was unanimously voted as a not to exceed appropriation for the purchase of beetles for Hemlock Wolly Adelgid control with the request that releases be prioritized to locations near the river where possible.

**-Education and Outreach:** Sinish led discussion of issues from minutes of E+O Subcommittee meeting.

Motion by Perry, Murdock seconded and \$1,533.00 was unanimously voted as a grant to FALPS to print additional maps as endorsed by E+O.

**5. New Business/Other:** Brief discussion of and expression of appreciation for Town Letter drafted by Vinick. Hart to follow up.

#### **6. Local Updates and Organizational Reports:**

- **Barkhamsted:** Nothing additional.
- **Hartland:** Nothing additional.
- **Colebrook:** Nothing additional.
- **New Hartford:** Culvert study presentation in development with Murdock assisting.
- **Canton:** Town Bridge is open.
- **River Steward:** Nothing Additional
- **MDC:** A potential alternate representative has been found and will listen in on future meetings.
- **FRWA:** Nothing additional.
- **NPS:** Nothing additional.
- **DEEP:** Nothing additional.
- **FRAA:** Absent.

#### **7. Next Meeting Dates:**

**Sub-committee Education and Outreach - Monday January 3, 2022 at 6:30 PM Zoom**

**Sub-Committee Resource Stewardship – Tuesday January 4, 2022 at 6:30 PM Zoom**

**Full Committee: January 24, February 28, March 21.**

**8. Adjourn :** 8:53 PM adjournment.