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Regular FRCC Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 16, 2022 7:00 pm
(Held at Pavilion with phone-in option)

Attendance: Barkhamsted (Mario Santoro, Representative, Committee Vice Chair and Roger Behrens, Alternate and Committee Chair), Hartland (Dan Bowler, Representative), Colebrook (Alison Jassen, Representative), Canton (Lans Perry, Representative, Committee Secretary, RS Subcomm. Chairman and Matt Vinick, Alternate and Committee Treasurer), FRWA (David Sinish, Representative, 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), Farmington River Anglers Association (Mark Swenson, Representative), Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward), Guest Jim Buchok (Farmington Valley Chapter-Trout Unlimited)

Absent: Hartland (Bob Beeman, Alternate), New Hartford (Alison Murdock, Representative, Tony Mitchell, Alternate), National Park Service (Liz Lacy, Alternate, NPS staff), CT DEEP (Matt Goclowski, Alternate),

1. Regular Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Behrens

2. Approval of Minutes: Draft minutes of April 18, 2022 meeting were approved.

3. Treasurer’s Report: Farmington River Watershed Association (the fiscal agent of FRCC) staff prepared the Treasurer’s Report dated 5/11/2022, which was presented by Vinick. The beginning total balance was \$36,047.08 on 4/12/2022. The Pat Keener Scholarship Fund balance comprised \$194.64 of that total and was unchanged. \$7,810.00 was spent during the period. A check for \$1,250.00 went to UMass Amherst for NAACC culvert data repository. A check for \$1,535.00 went to FALPS for Maps. A transfer for \$5,000.00 was made to FRWA/Tree Savers for the HWA project. A stop payment fee of \$25.00 was charged by Liberty Bank due to the stop payment order for \$250 check #1471 that was lost by the payee. The checking account ending book balance was \$28,042.44 and when added to the \$194.64 Pat Keener Fund yielded an ending total balance of \$28,237.08 on 5/11/22. The remaining FY2022 NPS CA budgeted account balance per report was unchanged at \$123,750.00 on 5/11/2022. Consensually approved.

4. Subcommittee reports:

-Executive: Petitdemange is finishing up summary of the FRCC Management Plan Meeting held Saturday April 30, 2022 9-3 at Barkhamsted Garage Meeting Room.

Bowler discussed proposed Canoe trip with DEEP and Town Officials. June date is planned putting in at Matthies and out at Satan’s Kingdom.

Motion by Behrens and Second by Bowler unanimously passed to grant \$399.22 for Tree Planting as requested by Farmington Valley Chapter-Trout Unlimited

Motion by Sinish and Second by Jassen unanimously passed with Aarrestad abstention to grant \$1,800.00 for Resource Map Update Work as requested by Hartland Land Trust.

-Resource Stewardship: Refer to May RSSC meeting notes for more detail on regular items.

Bowler reported on Hogback Road wetlands violation and remediation proposals by owner's consultants.

Bowler and Behrens reported on HWA project and successful release with many photos.

-Education and Outreach: Discussion of issues led by Sinish

Google ad buy and analytics being discussed in light of changes in data available.

Kiosk front panels at Mary's waiting for completion of graphic work then need a month for production. Expect late summer completion of installation.

Great news on Stewards: Bastrzycki has 5 hired and more applied. Orientation at Squires on 6-4-22 starting at 9.

Hart working on Hat design.

5. New Business/Other: Bowler discussed providing regular updates to the management of each member town reporting on FRCC's work and contributions on behalf of each town.

6. Local Updates and Organizational Reports:

- **Barkhamsted:** Greenwoods and Beaver Brook Roads resurfaced to gravel; Agnes Bowen Trail improved with new 840-foot+ boardwalk—Grand Opening scheduled for 10:30 AM on May 22 meeting at Squires.

- **Hartland:** Nothing additional

- **Colebrook:** Discussion of Norbrook Farm planned expansion project adding distillery and winery and more.

- **New Hartford:** Absent

- **Canton:** Sinish lauded recently-approved bridge designed for Canton Land Trust on Cherry Brook and funds for tentatively planned Collinsville boat launch and river access.

- **MDC:** Low flow with minimal recent rain. MDC's efforts to reassign its surplus West Branch supply (10 Billion Gallon Pool at Colebrook) and the obligations associated with it are ongoing. Lower Collinsville Dam removal discussions underway.

- **DEEP:** Nothing additional.

- **FRWA:** 3 new interns hired. WQM underway. New HOBOS. E Coli starting in June. Lab available at Simsbury POTW. Culvert work continuing, Rain Garden plans at Winsted.

- **NPS:** Nothing additional.

- **FRAA:** River Clean Up success. Mono Post Problems. Portapotties needed. Water stratification and temperature.

- **River Steward:** Nothing additional

- **FV-TU:** Committed to efforts to assure Clean Cold Water.

7. Next Meeting Dates:

Sub-committee Education and Outreach - Monday June 6, 2022 at 6:30 PM Zoom

Sub-Committee Resource Stewardship – Tuesday June 7, 2022 at 6:30 PM Zoom

Full Committee: June 20, July 18, and August 15.

8. Adjourn : 8:39 PM adjournment.