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DRAFT Regular FRCC Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 20, 2022
Meeting held at Hogsback

Attendance: Barkhamsted (Mario Santoro, Representative, Committee Vice Chair and Roger Behrens, Alternate and Committee Chair), Hartland (Dan Bowler, Representative), Colebrook (Alison Jassen, Representative), New Hartford) (Tony Mitchell, Alternate), Canton (Matt Vinick, Alternate), FRWA (David Sinish, Representative, Committee Treasurer, E&O Subcomm. Chairman and Laura Hart, Alternate), CT DEEP (Pete Aarrestad, Representative), Metropolitan District Commission (Jim Randazzo) – call in, Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward).

Absent: New Hartford (Alison Murdock, Representative), National Park Service (Liz Lacy, Alternate, NPS staff and Andrew Petitdemange, Representative, NPS staff), CT DEEP (Matt Goclowski, Alternate), Farmington River Anglers Association (Mark Swenson, Representative)

1. Regular Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Behrens

2. Approval of Minutes: Draft minutes of May 16, 2022 meeting were approved.

3. Treasurer’s Report: Report presented by Matt Vinick. The beginning balance was \$28,042.44. Expenses were \$12,122.22 (\$5,175 to Colebrook Land Conservancy; \$523 for River Steward apparel; \$2,250 for the GIS analysis portion to Quinn Ecological; \$399.22 to FVTU for tree planting; \$25 stop payment bank fee; \$3,750 to FRWA for ¼ of fiscal agent admin fee). Note: \$250 is outstanding/pending. Ending balance \$15,920.22. Scholarship funds remain at \$194.64. Remaining FY22 funds to be transferred to bank: \$123,750.

4. Subcommittee reports:

-Executive:

Canoe Trip report – A total of 15 people attended the DEEP- FRCC Farmington River canoe trip on June 16, 2022 with seven canoes and 1 kayak. The experience was reported as enjoyable and positive by attendees.

Farmington Valley Trout Unlimited (FVTU) FVTU has requested to join FRCC. After discussion Dan Bowler moved to make FVTU a Non-core Member of FRCC (no voting rights, same as FRAA). Alison Jassen seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

FRCC secretary position Alison Jassen agreed to be the FRCC secretary. Rogen and Dan will inquire about R/S chair options.

-Resource Stewardship: The committee unanimously and enthusiastically recommended that request from FRWA for \$700 for wildlife cameras be approved.

Full FRCC committee – Alison Jassen moved to approve the \$700 camera purchase and Dan Bowler seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

-Education and Outreach: David Sinish reported that the quilt is now in the Southbury Public Library until the end of July and will move to the Burlington Library. There was discussion about the process of printing the content for the kiosks (spending previously approved and a remaining budget is available.)

5. New Business/Other:

Andrew Petitt demange, NPS held an informational virtual meeting with FRCC town leaders that was well attended. Matt Vinick asked that he become the full representative for Canton rather than the alternate. He was advised that he needs to contact the Canton town selectmen to be appointed.

Jim Randazzo (MDC), reported that the MDC wishes to engage stakeholders in a discussion regarding 10 billion gallons (BG) of water storage space in Colebrook River Lake, formerly allocated to the MDC for future drinking water supply use. The MDC does not foresee any need for this water storage space as an additional or emergency drinking water supply source now or in the future. MDC proposes the potential use of this 10 BG water storage space by others, such as Connecticut DEEP fisheries (DEEP), FRCC, or other entity so as to best benefit the Farmington River. There will be a special meeting of the "Hogback Watershed Recreation Advisory Commission, ("HWRAC") to discuss these issues at 10 am on Wednesday, June 22, 2022. A link will be distributed for virtual attendance or interested parties can attend in person at the MDC office located at 555 Main Street in Hartford.

6. Local Updates and Organizational Reports:

- **Barkhamsted** – No report

- **Hartland:** - No report

- **New Hartford:** No report

- **Colebrook** – No report

- **River Steward:** The river stewards are now at work. There are a total of 5 stewards. Three are working 24 hours, one 16 hrs and one 8 hrs per week.

- **MDC:** See new business

- **Canton:** No report

- **FRWA:** Busy with water sampling. Thanks to Laura for adding additional testing site at Sandy Brook in Colebrook. Laura reported that the Farmington River is listed as one of the case studies by the NPS showing Instream Flow Protection Strategies for Wild & Scenic Rivers: <https://www.rivers.gov/documents/instream-flow-protection-strategies.pdf>

- **NPS:** No report

- **DEEP:** Discussion of dead ash trees to be removed for safety at Satan's Kingdom Recreational Area. FRCC stated no objection since trees are dead.

- **FRAA:** .No report

7. Next Meeting Dates:

Sub-committee Education and Outreach – Monday, July 11 2022 at 5:30 PM Zoom (moved due to July 4th holiday)

Sub-Committee Resource Stewardship – Tuesday July 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM Zoom (moved due to July 4th holiday_

Full Committee: July 18, August 15

8. Adjourn : 8:09 pm