



**FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
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**Regular FRCC Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, April 18, 2022 7:00 pm**  
**(Held Via Zoom)**

**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 (Alison Murdock, Representative), Canton (Lans Perry, Representative, Committee Secretary, RS Subcomm. Chairman and Matt Vinick, Alternate and Committee Treasurer), FRWA (Laura Hart, Alternate), Metropolitan District Commission (Jim Randazzo, Representative and Lindsay Strole, Guest), National Park Service (Andrew Petitdemange, Representative), CT DEEP (Pete Aarrestad, Representative), Farmington River Anglers Association (Mark Swenson, Representative), Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward),

**Absent:** Hartland (Bob Beeman, Alternate), New Hartford (Tony Mitchell, Alternate), FRWA (David Sinish, Representative, E&O Subcomm. Chairman), National Park Service (Liz Lacy, Alternate, NPS staff), CT DEEP (Matt Goclowski, Alternate),

**1. Regular Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM** by Chairman Behrens

**2. Approval of Minutes:** Draft minutes of March 21, 2022 meeting were approved.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** Farmington River Watershed Association (the fiscal agent of FRCC) staff prepared the Treasurer’s Report dated 4/12/2022, which was presented by Vinick. The beginning total balance was \$57,942.25 on 3/14/2022. The Pat Keener Scholarship Fund balance comprised \$194.64 of that total and was unchanged. \$21,895.17 was spent during the period. Three checks totaling \$1,471.50 went to Bill Winchester for Kiosk work. A check for \$555.10 went to Miner’s for kiosk materials. Two checks totaling \$296.07 went to Rex Lumber for kiosk materials. \$1,000.00 went to UConn as our portion of the cost of Green Snow Pro training. Three transfers totaling \$13,197.50 were made to FRWA including \$3,750 for fiscal agent services, \$4,050.00 for project assistance, and \$5,397.50 for water quality monitoring. \$5,397.50 went to Planet Zero Gravity for river steward services. A \$250 check #1485 was issued to replace a lost check #1471 that was canceled. The checking account ending book balance was \$35,852.44 and when added to the \$194.64 Pat Keener Fund yielded an ending total balance of \$36,047.08 on 4/12/22. The remaining FY2022 NPS CA budgeted account balance per report was \$123,750.00 on 4/12/2022. Consensually approved. Supplemental memo showing available uncommitted funds by budget account was discussed and found to be very helpful.

**4. Subcommittee reports:**

**-Executive:** Petitdemange discussed Workshop plans including a variety of possible topics that will be narrowed down before the event. See page 2 of 3-21-22 FRCC Minutes for details. Send any new ideas. It will be Potluck.

**-Resource Stewardship:** Refer to April RSSC meeting notes and to the specific grant requests sent with 4-18-22 FRCC agenda for more detail on items. All funding requests were robustly discussed.

Motion by Perry and Second by Bowler (Aarrestad abstained from voting) unanimously passed to approve \$11,250.00 expenditure for Quinn Ecological for Critical Habitat Analysis as requested and to move \$10,000 from E+O Rec User Plan account to help fund this project.

Motion by Perry and Second by Behrens unanimously passed to grant \$8,000.00 to Hartland Land Trust for Bosco B project as requested. Funds from RS Land Protection account.

Motion by Perry and Second by Jassen unanimously passed to grant \$1,250.00 to FRWA to support NAACC (Culvert data repository at UMassAmherst) as requested. Funds from RS Land Protection account.

**-Education and Outreach:** Discussion of issues from Notes of 4/4 E+O Subcommittee meeting.

Motion by Hart and Second by Bowler unanimously passed to transfer \$4,000.00 to Stewards Program from Rec User Plan to be used for added compensation and mileage reimbursement of stewards or other steward program purposes. (This appears to be a reaffirmation of the Sinish motion previously approved by FRCC on 3-21-22)

Motion by Hart and Second by Vinick unanimously passed to approve \$1,500.00 for hats to promote FRCC.

**5. New Business/Other:** Unanimous approval of Bowler motion with Behrens second to grant \$350.00 request by Ginny Apple for Barkhamsted Nature Festival.

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

- **Barkhamsted:** Greenwoods and Beaver Brook Roads being resurfaced to gravel; Paving DEEP garage lot by Squires; New Check-in building at Hawes Campground; Agnes Bowen Trail 4-22 Rehab Reveal; Nature Festival is 4-24-22.
- **Hartland:** Hogback Road violation update: local Wetlands mtg attended by owner and engineer who presented remediation concepts for review. Bowler will monitor. Green Sno Pro presentation planned for Hartland DPW.
- **Colebrook:** Discussion of Sandy Brook as major tributary and of how to reach out to local government.
- **New Hartford:** Trails meeting 3/28 6:30PM Town Hall not about Gorge area. Concern about riverside slab pile.
- **Canton:** First Selectman Bessel and team to attend river clean-up.
- **MDC:** Reservoirs all full. Colebrook pond height is high. Needs to be lower for flood season. Releases likely to keep flow high for an extended period. Conditions may be unpredictable and dangerous for certain activities. Be Careful. MDC's efforts to reassign its surplus West Branch supply (10 Billion Gallon Pool at Colebrook) and the obligations associated with it are ongoing. Lake McDonough weekend boating open--will be daily starting May 2.
- **DEEP:** Follow-up discussion of 10 Billion gallon pool status—DPH concerns being reviewed.
- **FRWA:** Cooperative River Cleanup with FRAA, TU et al Earth Day Weekend 4-23-22 based at Ovation lot and then at Brewery Legitimus. Ben on radio Thursday. **NHLT Mtg with great presentations on river 4-21-22 7PM at Red Door Church at Pine Meadow Green.**
- **NPS:** FY23 funding details still in process.
- **FRAA:** River Clean Up. Mono Post Parts. Portapotties needed. Slab pile across from NH Wall.
- **River Steward:** Bastrzycki seeks 6 stewards. 4 offers sent today. 1 already confirmed. Need more candidates.

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

**FRCC Management Plan Meeting Saturday April 30, 2022 9-3 at Barkhamsted Garage Meeting Room. Potluck Sub-committee Education and Outreach - Monday May 2, 2022 at 6:30 PM Zoom Sub-Committee Resource Stewardship – Tuesday May 3, 2022 at 6:30 PM Zoom Full Committee: May 16(in person), June 20, July 18.**

**8. Adjourn :** 8:39 PM adjournment.