



**FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

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**Education and Outreach sub-committee**

March 6, 2023 Minutes

via Zoom 6:32-7:45pm

**In attendance:** David Sinish (FRWA, subcommittee Chari) Dan Bowler (Hartland), Roger Behrens, Mario Santoro (Barkhamsted), Andrew Petitdemange (NPS) Stephan Bastryzcki (River Steward), Laura Hart (FRWA alt).

Roger to ask Torrey from FRAA to join E&O subcommittee.

Laura to follow up with Lindsay from MDC.

**Quilt:** Dan and Laura to seek wood options for the quilt rods. Quilt scheduled for LOB walkway at the Capitol for the month of September.

**FRCC Annual Report** – final draft looks good. Small edits to be made by Laura.

**Town Annual Reports:** Hartland is set, Barkhamsted, New Hartford, Canton, and Colebrook – find out Town Annual Report schedule and send them the write-up summary from Andrew.

**Kiosks:** Goal is to have final drafts to submit to Mary Crombie (graphic designer) in early spring May.

Discussion of kiosk content. Getting feedback from Institute for American Indian Studies by March 20 (Andrew to follow up). All content to be completed by subcommittee on April 1. Reviews by Andrew, Stephan, and Laura in April to submit to Mary in May. Reminder that the current Satan’s Kingdom sign will be at the take out and new river flows/safety info for the new Satan’s Kingdom put-in. Discussion of supporting the Institute for American Indian Studies in some capacity.

Note that the Stone Museum is actually called the Nature Museum.

David to ask Bob Bissell’s input on the Canton kiosk.

Discussed the # signs at Satan’s Kingdom. Not a Wild & Scenic look. David to see if they have been effective with the Canton Fire Rescues.

**Outreach:** Programs to spend \$5000 on. How to get an audience – join existing events. School program / artwork/poem contest to get families to attend.

**Stewards:** Stephan has been in contact with 3 previous stewards who may be able to continue this summer. Waiting for the April 1 deadline for applications.

Retreat activities/priorities – David and Andrew to discuss.

**School St Trail**: FALPS and the State moving forward with spraying – will not seek funding from FRCC for the invasive plant management work.

Sustainable CT for Barkhamsted discussed.

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Peoples State Forest next year – tie in with FRCC 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary events.

Adjourned 7:45pm.