



## Farmington River Coordinating Committee

Regular FRCC Monthly Meeting

**Monday June 26, 2023**

Pavilion at Matthies Grove in People's State Forest

*Attendees: Roger Behrens, Alison Murdock, Matt Goclowski, Tom Carpenter, Bill Coleman, Mario Santoro, Jim Buchok, Stephan Bastrzycki, Matt Vinick, Dan Bowler, Andrew Petitdemange, Laura Hart*

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order at 6:56 PM – Roger Behrens, Chair
  - A moment was given to remembering our friend and long-time FRCC leader David Sinish
2. Approval of Minutes of May 2023 meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report – Prepared by FRWA, Reported on by Matt Vinick, Treasurer
4. Subcommittee Reports:
  - Executive**
    - Nothing to report
  - Resource Stewardship**
    - River stewards teaming up with Betsy Corrigan on targeted invasive plant control
    - Beetles released between 6/12 – 19 to control Hemlock Woolly Adelgid
    - Bank Stabilization Project on West River Rd. (Barkhamsted) is in permitting. Endangered mussels found and will be relocated in the weeks leading up to construction in May/June 2024
  - Education and Outreach**
    - **VOTE:** Dan Bowler moves to grant up to \$5,525 to FALPS for kiosks and signage along the David Leff trail (School St. Barkhamsted). See grant proposal upon request. Matt Vinick seconds. Unanimously approved.
    - **VOTE:** Alison Murdock moves to shift \$2000 from grants into River Stewards to allow a summer River Steward to work 16hrs/wk rather than just 8hrs/wk. Tom Carpenter seconds, Unanimously approved.
5. New Business/Other
  - FRWA and Save the Sound drafted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy and MDC. It has been signed by both parties and will keep the lands around Colebrook Reservoir under conservation restriction and not sold to another party.

- Bill Winchester (kiosk carpenter/builder) under ordered some materials and may need to put in a request for more wood which would increase the total cost. Reimbursement will be filed as needed.
- Junior River Ranger badges needed. Andrew and Stephan will procure. Dan Bowler recommended an adult version of the Junior Ranger program. E&O subcommittee will pick up the conversation.

6. Local Updates/Organization Reports

- a. Barkhamsted – no news
- b. Canton – The Town of Canton has appointed Bill Coleman as alternate rep to the FRCC. We welcome Bill to the committee!
- c. Colebrook - no news
- d. Hartland – no news.
- e. New Hartford – no news.
- f. MDC – no news.
- g. CT DEEP – no news.
- h. NPS – no news
- i. FRWA – no news
- j. FRAA – no news.
- k. FVTU – Just returned from the TU Rendezvous informed and inspired. Working closely with Betsy Corrigan on consistent invasive plant control at fishing spots.
- l. River Steward – Controlled mugwort with Betsy Corrigan on W. River Rd near campground. Distributed flyers to business throughout valley. Tabled on June 24 at Collinsville Canoe and Kayak at fundraiser for the family of David Sinish. User counts are low, approx.. 25 tubers per hour. River Stewards will be marching in the annual Barkhamsted 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Aiming for a kiosk install at the tubing takeout and Canto in late July/August. UPCOMING EVENTS: Friday 6/30 Paddle with the Stewards at Collinsville Canoe and Kayak. Sunday July 9 Family Fun Day with Barkhamsted Rec Dept.

7. Next meeting dates –

- Full committee:
  - July 17 (virtual) , August 21, and September 18
- Subcommittees:
  - Mon. July 10 – Education & Outreach 6:30 PM by Zoom meeting
  - Tues. July 11 – Resource Stewardship 6:30 PM by Zoom meeting

8. Upcoming Events –

- Planning FRCC and LFSWS combined gathering in late summer or fall

9. Adjourn 7:36 PM