



Draft Minutes
November 20, 2017 FRCC meeting
100 East River Road, Squire's Tavern
Pleasant Valley, Connecticut

Attendance: New Hartford (Murdock), Barkhamsted (Santoro), Colebrook (Stanton), Hartland (Bowler), FRWA (Sinish/Fielding) CTDEEP (Peterson), National Park Service (Lacy). Also in attendance Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward) and Laura Hart (FRWA staff)

Absent: Metropolitan District, Canton, FRAA

1. **Meeting called to order** at 7:05 pm by Chairman Murdock (via telephone).

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of September 28, 2017 meeting were consensually approved after minimal corrections.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Fielding presented report as of 11/17/2017 with an ending account balance of \$37,022.26 reflecting payments of stipends to River Stewards, water quality monitoring, Still River and stream crossing projects, grant to Hartland Land Trust and others.

ADDED ITEM

Wild and Scenic Rivers 50th Anniversary (WSR50): Laura Hart of FRWA – contracted by FRCC to assist in planning 50th W&S events - reviewed preliminary discussion of goals, partners, activities and events. After committee review, project was assigned to Education and Outreach Committee for further action.

4. Old Business-Subcommittee reports

Resource/Stewardship: Fielding reported on 11/17 subcommittee call:

Still River Water Based Plan: Review of funding has determined that project and its process would be more efficient if FRWA proceeds on watershed based plan with FRCC funds and others and will not accept the 319 grant offered by CTDEEP.

Invasives: Corrigan current contract expires 12/31/2017. New contract being developed that will go through end of September to align with FRCC fiscal year.

Water Quality: Monthly sampling has now been completed, FRWA analyzing and compiling results.

Streambank Stability Assessment: Princeton Hydro submitted report to sub-committee. Report found to be complete and as contracted. M. Stanton, S. Sinish – voted to pay Princeton Hydro the contracted fee for service.

New Hartford Land Trust Grant Request: Approved **request** in the amount of \$3,813 for land acquisitions costs. M. Stanton S. Fielding - Unanimous (but need Canton, MDC votes) Funds to come from upcoming fiscal year.

Education and Outreach: Sinish reported on 11/13 meeting:

Farmington River Quilt Project: Quilt currently with Bowler. Seeking new venues for display. Cameron has provided three images to be used in "Take Away Cards". E&O recommends printing 600 cards (300 of each).

River Steward: 2017 program is over for the season – with planning for next season underway. Report produced. Work has been done on website upgrades and employment materials for 2018. Discussion of production of video clips re to river activities was favorable.

Kiosks: Received a copy of the plans/material list for acquiring materials to replace kiosks or build new one if needed.

Open House of 10/26: judged to be a success. Will repeat in 2018. Lacy reports that some artists have offered to assist in efforts for next year as well as showed interest in storytelling or poetry added into the program.

“My Healthy Stream”: Plans for purchase and mail distribution of book dropped due to our discussion about an efficient and effective distribution process. Mailing list of river front landowners being developed. List may be used to contact landowners and provide them with an electronic link to the book.

5. Executive:

Election of Officers and Adoption of Budget tabled due to the lack of MDC representative to replace Tim Anthony. FRCC to send formal request to MDC for an appointment to be made by next meeting (12/18/2017). Agreed that if no representative is in place by then – FRCC will consider MDC abstaining from votes.

6. New Business/Other:

- Executive Committee charged to develop a Winter Retreat to discuss various issues re by-laws, recruitment, protocols, and job descriptions.
- Lacy to research the possibility of retaining an administrative assistant for FRCC.

6. Town and Organization Reports (in addition to items noted above)

Barkhamsted. None

Colebrookbrook: Concern with gravel pit expansion

Canton- IWWA approved application for building Town Garage

Hartland None

New Hartford. No news.

FRWA Annual meeting featured RiverSmart program. Lower Farmington is slowly flowing through Washington.

FRAA. Absent

DEEP . None

MDC. Absent

National Park Service. None .

**7. Next Meeting Dates: Sub-committee Education and Outreach Mon, 12/4 6:30 by telephone
Resource and Stewardship Tues. 12/5 4:30 by telephone.**

Full Committee : 12/18 /17 Holiday Potluck at Murdock’s

8. Summary/ Clarification of Action Items:

Executive Committee re Retreat

Letter to MDC re replacement of Tim Anthony

Canton and MDC vote on NH Land Trust

9. Adjourn

Moved Stanton, second Sinish unanimous 9:32 adjournment.