



FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE
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Regular FRCC Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 28, 2019 7:00 pm
100 East River Road, Barkhamsted, Squire’s Tavern

Attendance: New Hartford (Alison Murdock, by telephone, RS Subcomm. Chair), Barkhamsted (Mario Santoro and Roger Behrens, Alternate), Colebrook (Tom Stanton, Committee Vice Chair), Hartland (Dan Bowler, Committee Chair and Bob Beeman, Alternate), Canton (Lans Perry, Secretary), FRWA (David Sinish, Committee Treasurer, E&O Subcomm. Chair), CT DEEP (Susan Peterson), Metropolitan District Commission (Jim Randazzo, by telephone), National Park Service (Liz Lacy, FRCC Director); Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward), Laura Hart (FRWA staff)

Absent: Farmington Rivers Angler Association (Nick Masi),

1. Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by Chair Bowler.

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of December 17, 2018 meeting were consensually approved.

3. Treasurer’s Report: Farmington River Watershed Association (the fiscal agent of FRCC) staff prepared the treasurer’s report dated 1/24/2019, which was presented by Sinish. The beginning balance was \$22,238.04 and the ending account balance was \$17,059.14. This balance represents no transfers into the account from NPS (federal funds) and expenses of \$5,178.90 related to operations, project work and phone bill. The Treasurer’s Report was corrected by removing the words “in 2019” from the Account Balance line for the Pat Keener Fund because there is no necessity to expend funds in a specific year and approved. There was a discussion of the advantages of providing budgeted account balance details in addition to just the bank balance.

4. Subcommittee reports:

-Executive:

- FALPS request for funding for seeding project was discussed. No appropriation made because project total cost and budget was not clearly articulated. It was agreed that FALPS should make a new submission in accordance with standard grant procedures on our website.

- Stanton moved to approve expending \$440.00 to reimburse Barkhamsted Historical Society for costs incurred in printing additional copies of the Lighthouse Brochure. The motion was seconded by Sinish and unanimously approved.

- There was extensive discussion regarding how FRCC could function during another “government shutdown” if one were to occur. Lacy suggested that she would share info that would be available by logging in to a secure area of the website.

-Education and Outreach:

- The **Farmington River Quilt** was displayed at DEEP in Hartford and pick up on 1-7-19.
- **Wild and Scenic West Branch 25th** celebration. E&O has considered a series of events that may be FRCC events, sponsored by partners, or venues for display. Objective is to better inform public of the value of the Wild and Scenic designation. **Theme is River Awareness, Protection, and Enjoyment.**
- **Website** Stephan posted user study less trash pick up. Spam improved. Stephan will advertise for stewards.
- **Farmington River App** Stephan discussed ideas and costs.
- **25th "Concert by River Series"** ideas were discussed and Alison will talk with Farmers Market group.
- **Steward Active Series** ideas were discussed and recreational possibilities.
- **Community TV** ideas were discussed and Lacy and Hart might organize.

-Resource/Stewardship:

- **Colebrook Gravel Mine Investigation** - Process of restoration planning continues under watchful eyes of regulatory authorities.
- **Funds for USGS Temperature Survey/Heat Stress** were discussed.

7. Other Business and Local Updates:

- **Stanton reported that Colebrook IWWA** has held seven meetings about gravel project along Sandy Brook.
- **Murdock reported New Hartford Conservation Commission needs members**
- **Sinich noted Canton has appointed Bruce Lockwood and he will discuss Satan's Kingdom mile marker issue.**
- **Peterson discussed the many demands upon her time and the likelihood that she will not be able to continue to attend meetings as she has in the past. We need her insights and will send a letter requesting the Governor to prioritize her attendance.**
- **Lacy will spread info over website and provide more detailed written procedures for payments during shutdowns.**

**8. Next Meeting Dates: Sub-committee Education and Outreach - Mon 2/4, 3/4, 4/1 - 6:30 by telephone
Resource and Stewardship - Tues. 2/5, 3/5, 4/2 - 6:30 by telephone.
Full Committee: 2/25/19, 3/25/19, 4/15/19**

9. Adjourn : Moved Tom Stanton, Second Roger Behrens, Approved Unanimously. 8:32 PM adjournment.