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**Minutes Regular FRCC Meeting**  
**June 25, 2018**  
**Hogback Reservoir**  
**Barkhamsted, CT**

**Attendance:** New Hartford (Alison Murdock, Committee Chair), Colebrook (Tom Stanton), Barkhamsted (Mario Santoro, Roger Behrens alt.), FRWA (David Sinish, E&O Subcomm. Chair), CT DEEP (Susan Peterson), NPS (Liz Lacy, FRCC Director), Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward), Laura Hart (FRWA staff)

**Absent:** FRAA, Canton, MDC, Hartland

**Honored Guests were Pat Keener and Nancy Johnson Scholarship recipients:** Timothy Strzepa of New Hartford and Gabriel Ortiz of Canton; and their parents

**An informal paddle** in this delightful weathered meeting began at 5:00.

**Scholarships were presented** by Roger Behrens. In celebration and honor a potluck dinner followed.

**1. Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm** by Chair Murdock.

**2. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of May 21, 2018, meeting were consensually approved.

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** Laura Hart presented the report:

The beginning balance was \$28,508.80, plus \$5,248.69 from FRWA Temp Restricted Account, totaling \$33,757.49. There was a transfer of funds of \$20,000 from the NPS, return of a fee that was waived of \$250, total regular expenses of \$18,469.02, and \$2,746.25 expenses from the Temporary Restricted Account. There remains a total combined balance of \$32,792.22.

**4. Subcommittee reports.**

**Executive:** Lacy distributed a draft budget for the coming fiscal year as a discussion point at the next sub-committee meetings.

**Education and Outreach:** David Sinish reported on the subcommittee meeting on May 8, 2018 by telephone:

**Open House** scheduled for 10/18 at Squires. Tom Cameron has been invited to do a one person show.

Discussion of many events that are scheduled for summer. FRCC role to be as partners with other organizations.

**Quilt** to be hung at Torrington Congo Church 9/6 and 9/7

Quilt to be hung at Capital on 9/30 and Opening on 10/1

Laura Hart has arranged other showings, as shown on web site.

**WSR 50 Events and Planning**

Tim Palmer presentation will be at Canton Community Center on 9/30 from 2-6.

Flyers for WSR50, were distributed to FRCC members for their distribution.

Film series will be in Canton Town Hall auditorium 9/14 and 9/15

**River Steward Report** Stewards are actively on and around the river and participating in local events.

Bastrzycki and Lacy attended the "Authentic Community Engagement: Starting from the beginning of the Story" training event in Lakewood, CO 6/13-6/14. Emphasis was on reaching out to diverse river user groups. *Moved Santoro, Second Stanton to provide additional \$150 to Bastrzycki for additional unexpected expenses. Vote-unanimous.*

**Paddle for Protection** Fund raising 2.5 mile race sponsored by New Hartford Land Trust attracted ~35 boats. FRCC members held key positions in race.

**Resource/Stewardship Liz Lacy reported for the Subcommittee:**

**Gravel operation along Sandy Brook in Colebrook.** Permitting and control of the site is continuing. Cease and Desist order has been extended to neighboring property. IWWA, Zoning and ZBA have taken action and are involved. Although a local issue, CT DEEP and Army Corps are following activity

**Invasives** Betsy Corrigan is actively engaging various partners to accomplish eradication at important sites. FALPS, River Stewards and others have been participating. Corrigan will be using "Invasive Plants in Your Backyard!" prepared by CT River Coastal Conservation District, Inc. as a public resource document. Book is now on website.

**Water Quality:** Monthly sampling is continuing through November.

**170 Main Street - Main Stream - buildings in New Hartford.** Discussion of the already constructed three buildings that are suspected to be within the River Protection Zone. This matter is being reviewed by New Hartford Planning and Zoning, as well as IWWA. Lacy will write a letter to New Hartford officials reminding them of their partnership responsibilities for river protection. Public hearings to be scheduled.

**5. Local Updates in addition to those noted above:**

**FRWA** Executive Director search underway. Job posting up on many local and national jobsites.

**Canton** Emergency mile markers along W&S section in Satan's Kingdom by Canton Police - to aid in rescue. Lacy spoke with DEEP staff person. Sinish to follow up with Canton officials.

**Barkhamsted** The boardwalk to Beaver Meadow is being completed with an early July opening planned. FRCC will have a unit in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade

**DEEP** The CT Water Plan was adopted by Malloy. By his ruling in favor of the plan, the concept that CT water is a public resource is adopted.

**ROLE OF TOWN REPS**

May meeting's discussion led to the need to report issues to town land use officer. Further, FRCC town reps need to meet with town land use boards to remind them of purpose, accomplishments and resource of FRCC. Reps should also follow their town's minutes of IWWA and Planning and Zoning and report at each meeting.

**6. Next Meeting Dates: Sub-committee Education and Outreach Mon, July 16 6:30 by telephone**

**Resource and Stewardship Tues. July 17 4:30 by phone.**

**Full Committee: July 23 and August 20**

**7. Adjourn: 8:42 adjournment.**