



**FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
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Approved Minutes of Regular FRCC Meeting  
Monday August 18, 2008  
Squires Tavern – 100 East River Road  
Pleasant Valley

**Present:** Pat Keener (Chair/New Hartford), Fred Jones (Vice- chair/Hartland), Jean Miller (Barkhamsted), Mario Santoro (Barkhamsted alt), Eileen Fielding (FRWA alt), Alis Ohlheiser (Canton), Aimee Petras (FRWA visitor) , Liz Lacy (NPS alt/FRCC Director), Tim Anthony (MDC), Susan Peterson (CT DEP), David Sinish (FRWA)

**Not Present:** FRAA, Colebrook

**1. Call to Order** – 7:07 p.m. by Chair Pat Keener.

**2. Approval of Minutes of July 21, 2008 meeting** – Approved with the following edits – Under the heading ‘Education and Outreach – Memorial Bench’ –changed to “We are informed that this project has been *given the go ahead*, subject to *placement details and permitting*.” Under the heading ‘Town Reports: Barkhamsted’: Don *Stein*, First Selectman of Barkhamsted.

**3. Treasurer’s Report** – Fielding gave report showing that NPS funding \$90,000 has been transferred to FRCC account (\$40,000 for FRCC and \$50,000 for Lower Farmington study). Due to the way NPS accounting is being done, funding for both upper and lower FR groups will first appear in FRCC’s account and FRWA will have to transfer the lower FR funds to the lower FR account.

#### **4. Old Business**

- Subcommittee Updates -

##### **Resource Stewardship:**

- **Land Trusts Workshops** – Lacy had asked the Land Trusts what topics they would like for a workshop – she received only a few responses - all different topics. Jones suggested one of his Hartland Land Trust members is an attorney who could easily do a workshop on legal aspects of land protection. Possible date November 12,13.
- **Workshop for MDC Road Crews and Foresters** – Lacy said she and MDC are still working on finding a hands-on project for the participants to attend.
- **Squire’s Project** – No new news.
- **Invasive Plant Management** – Waiting to hear from Stanton regarding discussion with Moorhead.
- **Low Flows** – September 9, 10, 11 according to Anthony.

##### **Education and Outreach:**

- **Memorial Bench** – Keener reported that the cost will be \$700 delivered to wherever FRCC would like it. It will be metal mesh with Wild& Scenic “embedded” in the mesh. Keener said she needs guidance from MDC as to where to install it and MDC needs to pour cement pad and bolt. Keener to check with Barkhamsted IWC regarding permits.
- **Open House** – Keener said there is still a need volunteers for set up and clean up. Lacy reported Snyder and Hammerling were invited for the special presentation of a gift poster designed by Jones and Keener got them framed.

- **Website** – Santoro reviewed what Richard English had proposed and was satisfied to go forward with the contract to re-do the website. Lacy to give the okay to English and get the contract signed.
- **FRCC Display at Events**- The Committee discussed having a presence at the New Hartford Day, Hartland Bluegrass Festival and Sam Collins Day. Ohlheiser to attend Sam Collins Day.
- **Scholarship** – Lacy contacted this year’s recipient – Lynn Bartolucci – and invited her to Open House.

**Executive:** No Business.

- **Other Old Business**- None.

5. **New Business/Other** – None.

6. **Town Reports**

- **New Hartford** – Wastewater treatment plant upgrade project – The group discussed the need for more public information from the town/Maguire Group and DEP about the project and the need for those entities to understand the NPS role in the permitting process – that the NPDES permit is a federal permit that the NPS must sign off on – as well as any federal funding that may be involved. Some members were concerned that this is a precedent setting case – the W&S designation is here to protect the river with the federal permitting process set up for more review by the Coordinating Committee and NPS – regarding habitat, scenic and recreational values. There was also concern that the town was going out to bid prior to the permit being issued. Lacy to contact the town, Maguire and DEP for more information – and to request a visual analysis of proposed plant.

7. **Next meeting dates:** Sept 18 – Open House, October 20

Adjourned: 9:20 PM