

FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE 100 East River Road - Squires Tavern P.O. Box 395 Pleasant Valley, CT 06063 860-379-0282 www.farmingtonriver.org

Approved Minutes of Regular FRCC Meeting Monday March 16, 2009 Squires Tavern – 100 East River Road

Present: Mario Santoro (Barkhamsted Alt), Tom Stanton (Chair/Colebrook Rep), Tom Karpeichik (FRAA Alt), Tim Anthony (MDC Rep), David Sinish (FRWA Rep), Susan Peterson (DEP Rep), Edna Travis (Secretary/Colebrook Alt), Liz Lacy (FRCC Director/NPS Alt), Alison Murdock (New Hartford Rep), Mark Lindquist (New Hartford Alt), Bill Roberts (Canton Rep), Marc Banks (Archeologist)

Not Present: Hartland

1. Call to Order: Chair Stanton called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes of February 23, 2009: Minutes approved.

- **3. Treasurer's Report:** Sinish presented the treasurer's report. This included a new section on the status of the Nancy Johnson Scholarship Fund. Some discrepancies were observed, and Lacy will contact FRWA to resolve.
- **4. Presentation on Richard Smith Archeology Site:** Marc Banks presented a slide show and update on the Richard Smith Ironworks Study archaeological project in Colebrook.
- 5. Old Business:

Subcommittee Updates:

Resource Stewardship

Project Updates: There has been no meeting since February 23. The next meeting date will be Monday March 23 at 4.

Greenwoods Anglers Trail. Anthony asked what the next action was to be on the Greenwood Anglers Trail project. It was agreed that the DEP needs to put together a proposal for MDC and the Lacy would draft a letter to that effect.

Education and Outreach:

Project Updates: There has been no meeting since February 23. The next meeting date will be March 31.

Executive:

Lacy suggested that this group should meet to discuss developing a set of policies and procedures on such things as reimbursement and regular review of the management plan. She will circulate proposed dates and times by email. She stated that the annual report is at the printers now.

Grants:

- Riverton Bridge application. No new developments.

- **Richard Smith Ironworks Study**. Lacy reported that Barkhamsted Historical Society had requested an additional for another \$5000 to continue Marc Banks' work at the site. There was discussion about the fact that this project had already exceeded the Committee's general guideline of \$10,000 per project. However, it was agreed that this is a very significant project to the W&S area, encompassing both historic and archaeological interests, and that the guidelines could be waived in this case. The request for an additional \$5000 was approved by consensus.
- Connecticut land Trust Alliance. Lacy reported that Kevin Case of the CLCC has requested that the Committee provide scholarship money for individuals from the 6 land trusts in towns within our jurisdiction to attend the annual meeting on April 4. After discussion it was agreed to provide him with up to \$1000 for him to administer and to let us know how we used it. Lacy will send an email to this effect to all the land trusts.

6. New Business/Other – none.

7. Town Reports:

New Hartford: Update on WWTP project. Lindquist and Murdock reported that the Town has now hired Camp, Dresser and McGee to assist McGuire, and that the contract has been given to Nickerson. Peterson said the DEP was now waiting for paperwork and that the water quality permit was still on hold pending a decision on the phosphorous limit on a state wide basis. There was discussion about the best approach to take at this point to ensure that the landscaping and re-vegetation issues, which include not only scenic concerns, but habitat and diversity as well, are addressed in a timely manner. It was decided that Lacy would contact First Selectman Earl MacInnes, expressing our wish to provide input on the type of plan we would find acceptable by working with the town and its consultants. We would also offer expertise and financial support if needed. We also discussed the Park Service's intention of incorporating such a plan as a condition of the NPDES permit (a federal permit issued through DEP).

Colebrook. Stanton mentioned that a 60 acre parcel in Colebrook bordering Route 8 and the MDC reservoir was on the market for \$5 million. Peterson said that she thought that this has been brought to the attention of the DEP and that there had been some discussion as to whether the DEP had any interest in acquiring the parcel. After some discussion, it was agreed that Travis would contact the Colebrook Land Trust to ensure that they were aware of this proposed sale and find out their level of interest and potential involvement.

National River Rally 2009: Lacy informed everyone of the River Networks River Rally in Baltimore on May 29-June 1 and urged those who could attend to do so.

8. Next Meeting dates: April 20, May 18

Adjourned: 9:10 PM