



**FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
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**Regular FRCC Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, April 15, 2019 7:00 pm**  
**100 East River Road, Barkhamsted, Squire’s Tavern**

**Attendance:** New Hartford (Alison Murdock, RS Subcomm. Chair, by telephone), Barkhamsted (Mario Santoro), Hartland (Dan Bowler, Committee Chair), Canton (Lans Perry, Committee Secretary), CT DEEP (Susan Peterson alternate), FRWA (David Sinish, Committee Treasurer, E&O Subcomm. Chair, and Bill Dornbos, FRWA Executive Director alternate), Metropolitan District Commission (Jim Randazzo, by telephone), National Park Service (Liz Lacy, FRCC Director), Farmington Rivers Angler Association (Mark Swensen), Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward), Laura Hart (FRWA staff)

**Absent:** Colebrook

1. **Meeting called to order at 7:04PM** by Chair Bowler. Members and guests introduced themselves.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of March 25, 2019 meeting were consensually approved.
3. **Treasurer’s Report:** Farmington River Watershed Association (the fiscal agent of FRCC) staff prepared the treasurer’s report dated 4/15/2019, which was presented by Hart. The beginning total balance was \$34,625.27. A new donation of \$500.00 from the Quilt Guild went to the Pat Keener Fund bringing it up to \$3,194.64. Out of FRCC checking: \$6,684.73 total for the phone bill, River Steward, FRWA staff attendance at River Rally, and W&S anniversary event planning. The ending total balance was \$27,440.54. The untapped FY19 NPS budgeted account balance continued at \$80,000.00.

**4. Subcommittee reports:**

**-Executive:**

- **Status of Pending Grants** – Bowler led discussion on status of grants:
  - Hartland Land Trust – on-going work for the “Stoeke - Bosco” 112 acre project in West Hartland;
  - FALPS – set up agreement for meadow restoration seed purchase;
  - NHLT – still pending - contribution towards a baseline study at riverfront parcel on “Butler” property
  - West River Road, Barkhamsted – still pending, working on a scope of work with consultants

**-Resource/Stewardship:**

- **Active Project Updates:**
  - MS-4 in New Hartford - Murdock reported that the town will be working on meeting stormwater management requirements under the state’s MS-4 program. Peterson described that MS-4 is a program that requires evaluations of municipal stormwater systems to determine permittee compliance with EPA’s National Pollution Discharge and Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements and to evaluate the implementation status of EPA’s stormwater regulations - it only applies to towns and cities over a certain size and population so New Hartford is the only one of the five W&S towns addressing it.
  - West River Rd, Barkhamsted – Lacy reported that the town of Barkhamsted, FRCC, and Princeton Hydro (consultant engineers) are working on a scope of work to address the streambank restoration adjacent to West River Rd. just below entrance of Sandy Brook into W Br Farmington (also an FRCC grant project). This project stems from the work that PH conducted for FRCC in the past couple of years.

- East River Road, Barkhamsted - Lacy reported that Don Stein gave a preliminary heads up that there will be public meetings and more discussion about the CTDOT potentially turning portions of East River Road one-way and truck limited in the future to address safety issues along some of the more narrow sections mostly in Peoples State Forest.
- MDC Withdrawal of Operations at Colebrook Lake Dam - Randazzo discussed Hogback and Colebrook status and next Hogback Commission meeting is planned at MDC Barkhamsted office at 10AM on 5-20-2019. Several FRCC members attended a meeting at the MDC on April 11 to hear a presentation on the MDC's plans. There was no new news except for a lack of information from the Army Corps managers at Colebrook Lake Dam. Several members had concerns about the future management of the dam and the planned repair of gates at the dam this summer and possibly fall. There was no information available regarding the flows during those repairs and contingency plans if there were to be flooding or drought – temperature of flows was also a concern. Lacy said she and Jamie Fosburgh of NPS will meet with the Corps managers to determine what the Corps plans are and if there would be continued management of flows from Colebrook during repairs and how they will manage in the future.

**-Education and Outreach:**

- **River Steward Report** – Bastrzycki stated that 4 assistant river stewards (3 new) expected to be hired. Plans to offer training first week (6-1). Stewards will hopefully attend Barkhamsted Earth Day on 4-28.
- **Recreational Users Plan** – Sinish stated that this is a huge project with many different phases. Currently working on developing a survey instrument that would be used this summer. Also may have to hire a contractor to assist with developing team of partners to work on the public input portion of the project.
- **25<sup>th</sup> “Concert by River Series”** set for area behind New Hartford Town Hall on 5/26/19, 6/30/19, 7/28/19, and 8/25/19. Two Bands booked. Two Dates Open.
- **Outreach Materials** – Will need revision due to added segment of river under designation.
- **Quilt is at East Granby.**
- **NHLT Race** - Discussed at length. Discussion continuing.
- **Scholarship Outreach** discussed. May 10 deadline.
- **Discussion of Website** – Updated Stewards, FRCC Main, and Quilt – Calendars will be shared.

**6. New Business:**

- **Canton EMS** - Sinish will work with Bruce Lockwood on mileage markers. Training 4 Kayaks/8 Students.

**7. Local Updates and Organizational Reports:**

- **Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook W&S Approval Discussed** - Will be separate entity from FRCC.
- **DEEP** - Personnel shuffle explained.
- **FRWA** - noted dates of mtgs. Sinish reported Donation of Old Town Canoe offered.
- **MDC** - noted above.
- **NPS** - Lacy discussed Cooperative Agreement modification in the works for next year's funding.

**8. Next Meeting Dates: Sub-committee Education and Outreach - To be advised by email  
Resource and Stewardship – To be advised by email (866-423-6894 code 9815966)**

**Full Committee: May 20, June 17.**

**9. Adjourn:** 8:41PM adjournment.