



FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE
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Regular FRCC Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 19, 2019 7:00 pm
100 East River Road, Barkhamsted, Squire’s Tavern

Attendance: Barkhamsted (Roger Behrens, Alternate), Hartland (Dan Bowler, Committee Chair by Telephone), Canton (Lans Perry, Secretary), CT DEEP (Pete Aarrestad, Representative), FRWA (David Sinish, Committee Treasurer, E&O Subcomm.), National Park Service (Liz Lacy, FRCC Director), Stephan Bastrzycki (River Steward), Metropolitan District Commission (Jim Randazzo by telephone), New Hartford (Tony Mitchell, Alternate arrived at 7:31PM), Farmington Rivers Angler Association (Mark Swensen, Representative). Mary Ellen Baer, Guest.

Absent: Barkhamsted (Mario Santoro), Colebrook (Tom Stanton, Committee Vice Chair), Hartland (Bob Beeman, Alternate), CT DEEP (Matt Goclowski, Alternate), FRWA (Bill Dornbos, FRWA Executive Director, Alternate), New Hartford (Alison Murdock, RS Subcomm. Chair),

1. Regular Meeting called to order at 7:05PM by Treasurer Sinish as Acting Chair for the meeting

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of July 15, 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 8/19/2019, which was presented by Sinish. The beginning total balance was \$16,119.07. The Pat Keener Fund balance comprised \$1,194.64 of the total and was unchanged during the month. Funds received included a transfer from NPS of \$30,000.00. \$9,104.54 from FRCC checking paid for various outreach expenses, River Steward Costs, phone bill, and Invasive Plant Management. The ending total balance was \$37,014.53. The FY19 NPS budgeted account balance is now \$25,000.00. After discussion, the report was approved.

4. Subcommittee reports:

-Executive: No specific updates.

-Resource/Stewardship:

- **Colebrook/Hogback** - Brief discussion of COE reply letter regarding Colebrook Dam and drawdown of Hogback. Extended discussion on water flow and temperature and possibility of added East Branch flow. Lacy will work on a reply to the COE reply.
- **West River Road – Engineering work is starting.**
- **East River Road – No action.**
- **Invasive Plant Management work continues.**
- **Stream Crossing Survey impeded by high water levels then low water levels precluding work.**
- **Satan’s Kingdom** overcrowding and abuse discussed during E+O
- **Still River Bioswale Demonstration Site.**

-Education and Outreach:

- **Discussion of Stewards activities.** Season ends next week. Discussion of user counts and survey data. Help to Betsy on Invasives, etc.
- **25th “Concert by River Series”** continues. Roger will speak.
- **Problems with Independent River Travelers - Tubers. Lawlessness. Violence. Property Destruction. Canton Police unresponsive. No EnCon Police available even if paid.** Long discussion. Valuable insights from our guest Mary Ellen Baer who is a riverfront property owner in tubing zone. All urged to get photo/video documentation of abuses/overcrowding. Lacy to follow up to initiate action meeting plan including topics and suggested attendees.
- **Quilt is at Canton Public Library and displayed in segments. Looks Great.**
- **Scholarships Fund** – Balance low but may be replenished by donors c/o FRWA.
- **Open House** will include music by Traveling Trout

- **Motion by Sinish Seconded by Perry to appropriate up to \$6,000 to update kiosks and outreach materials to reflect downstream extension of W+S. Unanimous.**

6. New Business: Discussed previously

7. Local Updates and Organizational Reports:

- **Colebrook:** no further comment
- **Hartland:** no further comment
- **Barkhamsted:** no further comment
- **New Hartford:** Butler Farm easement finalized and awaits New Hartford Town Meeting approval.
- **Canton:** Town Bridge ahead of schedule.
- **DEEP:** no further comment
- **FRWA:** River Cleanup scheduled. Lower Committee coming together.
- **MDC** no further comment
- **NPS** no further comment

**8. Next Meeting Dates: Sub-committee Education and Outreach - Mon. Sept 9 at 6:30 PM by phone
Resource and Stewardship – Tuesday Sept 3 at 6:30 PM (866-423-6894 code 9815966)**

Full Committee: September 30, October 24 Open House, Nov. 18, Dec. 16 (Holiday Potluck).

9. Adjourn : 8:50PM adjournment.