

## MINUTES JUNE 20, 2011 MEETING OF THE UPPER VALLEY RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COUNCIL

Present: Joan Monroe, Lynn Bohi, Caryl Collier, Carl Schmidt, Karen Brown, Nancy Jones, Cy Severance, Marcus White

### 1) Housekeeping

Karen Brown, a new member, representing Piermont, was introduced to the Group.

The minutes of the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted as presented.

### 2) Public Meeting Questions.

Lynn Bohi provided a copy of the Original Rules of procedure of the Subcommittee as adopted in 1993 in which a quorum was defined as at least 8 members present. The chair was asked to distribute copies of these original rules to the members and to review the appropriate Statutes of New Hampshire and Vermont to assure they were in compliance.

The problem of the non public nature of the current google group format used by the committee for distribution of material was raised. The chair was asked to discuss with David Kotz how we might change our format to make it available to the public. Two alternatives were suggested namely using a different form of google groups which was open to the public or somehow going through the CRJC Website.

### 3) Permit Questions:

#### A) Hanover Water Reclamation facility Improvement Project

The Chair reported that because DES wanted a report on this project before this meeting, he told them that while we had not had a formal discussion of the project he had received no negative comments from the members of the committee

B) Wilder Dam Repair Project- The chair again verbally reported to DES that the members of the Committee had not formally met on this issue but had had no negative comment to the material available to them.

C) Lyme River Road- Based on an E Mail received from Steven M Couture NHDES River Coordinator, it was understood that no formalized plan for repair of the Lyme River Road bank washout had yet been presented to DES in the form of a permit request. As a result no current committee action was required

D) Washout in Bradford Vt near the Piermont Bradford bridge. Contact with Barry Cohoon of VT DES revealed that the work in this area had

been done under a general permit but the reason we had not received a copy was unclear.

- E) Shoreland Permit Application for Paul A Lawrence for 92 Lyme Road in Hanover.

The Committee reviewed the file on this application and concluded that they could see no substantive problem with the application as submitted. Chair will forward this information to DES.

- F) Shoreland Permit Application for H. R Whitacre for property at 1111 Route 10 in Orford NH 03777.

While the project overall seemed to be necessary, the Committee voted formally to express its concern about the failure in the plan to place a heavy duty type filter fabric UNDER the proposed Rip Rap installation.

- G) Shoreland Permit Application for W Garbarino for property at 1141 Rte10 Orford NH 03777.

The committees comments were the same as the case of the last permit we looked above. While the project overall seemed to be necessary, the Committee voted formally to express its concern about the failure in the plan to place a heavy duty type filter fabric UNDER the proposed Rip Rap installation

#### 4 Other Matters

- A) XYZ DAIRY EXPANSION. This is a continuing Item but as yet no request for permits have been filed.
- B) NORTHERN PASS POWER LINE. The committee members had received copies of a letter by David L Deen River Steward of the Connecticut River Watershed Council, Inc for filing at the OFFICE OF ELECTRICITY DELIVERY AND ENERGY RELIABILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY in re Northern Pass Transmission LLC Presidential Permit Application OE Docket No PP-371. The chairman was asked to send a letter indicating the Committees support of the arguments made by Mr. Deen in the subject Letter. In addition the Chairman was requested to ask the Board of the CRJC to also send a letter of support. ( The day after the meeting at the CRJC Annual Meeting, this request was made and they agreed to do so.)
- C) WILDER DAM REAUTHORIZATION. Some time in the next few years the Wilder Dam will have to be reauthorized and this process provides an opportunity for the Committee to ask for Environmental improvements in the Dams operation. The Chairman was asked to find that date.