



HEADWATERS SUBCOMMITTEE Minutes - May 13, 2009

PRESENT: Ed Mellett, Northumberland; Bill Schomburg and Ken Hastings, Columbia; Tom Caron, Canaan; Lisa Savard, Pittsburg; Gary Paquette, Stratford; Brendan Whittaker and Adair Mulligan, CRJC
ABSENT: members from Colebrook, Lemington, Stewartstown, Maidstone, Bloomfield

1. Housekeeping - Minutes of the meeting of April 1 were approved on a motion by Bill seconded by Tom. Brendan noted that Plum Creek has decided not to purchase Lyme Timber lands in NH. Agreed to go ahead with a letter from CRJC to Plum Creek (purchased Essex Timber lands in VT) introducing CRJC and the Headwaters Subcommittee. Adair reported that the Headwaters' Water Resources Plan would be the first plan published of the five regions, and will go to design and publication very shortly. Members advised holding fall presentations on the plan at the Canaan Library and at the Groveton High School library or Methodist Church. Bren said that a service for Sherry Belknap will be held on June 6, organized by Nancy Bell.
2. Creosote, N. Stratford - Bill reported that a site inspection was made to check on creosote dripping into the river from new ties on the bridge, and that the RR company will wrap the ties with insulation to contain contamination.
3. Permit issues - Regarding the application for First CT Lake discussed at the last meeting, the Subcommittee's letter about TransCanada ownership led to communication between the consulting engineer, DES, and TransCanada that improved everyone's understanding of ownership around that lake. CRJC received a shoreland permit application from DES for Colebrook's project to connect a new well to the main water line. The Subcommittee decided not to comment on the application due to the absence of Colebrook members and confidence that the town would approach the project appropriately.
4. Mohawk River/Colebrook Business Park river restoration project - Town and CRJC are awaiting word on the final funding piece, a grant from the Economic Development Administration, through North Country Council. There will be much media coverage of the project once it gets underway. Ed has been working with Plum Creek on a supply of trees for the project, and Gary has also offered trees.
5. Northumberland Cemetery - DES has been very helpful and is looking for \$1 million in FEMA funding over the next year to help the town with this major stabilization project, which will also involve engineered log jams. John Field met with the town and DES earlier in the week. The town must find \$338,000 in local match. Gary said that his wife's parents' graves are threatened.
6. The New Connecticut River Water Resources Management Plan for the Headwaters Region - Ed introduced the members and the new plan, followed by a presentation by Adair Mulligan.