



## MT. ASCUTNEY REGION RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE Minutes -September 29, 2009

PRESENT: Michael Meeks, Cornish; Steve Halleran, Plainfield; Nancy Franklin, Adair Mulligan, CRJC  
ABSENT: Springfield, Charlestown, Rockingham, Windsor, Claremont, Weathersfield, Hartland

1. Housekeeping: Windsor has been asked to send a new representative to fill the slot occupied by Susan Anthony, who passed away during the summer. Staff changes at CRJC - Brenda Ash, new Business & Office Manager. Minutes of the meeting of June 9 approved. Water Resources Plan will be published in color very soon, with ARRA funds. Connecticut River Atlas now available: 30% discount extended to Subcommittee members. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has accepted the Subcommittee's Connecticut River Recreation Management and Water Resources Plans as comprehensive plans for the river.
2. Permit issues - New procedure for communicating with NH DES about NH permit applications - CRJC will be kept more closely informed of applications involving more DES programs. Proposed NH rule changes for stream crossings and upcoming public meetings- new rules focus on designing culverts and bridges for better fish passage, stream stability, and passage of stormwater, as also recommended by the Subcommittee's plan. Steve and Nancy reported observing dramatic thinning of buffer on Hartland shore opposite mouth of True's Brook.
3. EPA Tri-State Watershed Initiative - 2009 water quality findings showed only 1 bacteria violation all summer, in stark contrast to Massachusetts, where violations were routine. Website is [www.cesd.umass.edu/twi/index.html](http://www.cesd.umass.edu/twi/index.html)
4. The New Connecticut River Water Resources Management Plan for the Mt. Ascutney region- Public presentation by Adair to an audience of approximately 15, hosted by the Phillip Read Memorial Library in Plainfield.