



Connecticut River Joint Commissions

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CRJC Riverbend Subcommittee Annual Report - 2016

The Riverbend Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions consists of two volunteers nominated by each of the following municipalities: Guildhall, Lunenburg, Concord, Waterford, Barnet, Ryegate and Newbury in Vermont; and Lancaster, Dalton, Littleton, Monroe, Bath and Haverhill in New Hampshire.

With members representing a variety of interests representing two states, five counties, and thirteen towns along 70 miles of the Connecticut River, the Riverbend Subcommittee provides a local voice to help steward the resources of a significant portion of the Connecticut River Watershed. The Subcommittee provides information and assistance to the states, towns, and landowners on projects near the river. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. Specific responsibilities include providing advice to NHDES, VANR and municipalities on matters pertaining to the river; reviewing and commenting on proposed permits and plans; and developing and periodically updating a corridor management plan. Subcommittee members continued to bring a valuable contribution of expertise and local knowledge to the table for the assistance of landowners, municipalities and state agencies.

In addition, in 2016 the Subcommittee hosted presentations on the Clean Water/Healthy Trout program; met jointly with the Ammonoosuc River LAC to learn about and discuss the scenic impacts of Northern Pass; hosted a discussion on the sale of the TransCanada hydropower dams in the region; and hosted a presentation on the Vermont's Clean Water Initiative. The Subcommittee also reviewed New Hampshire's boat accesses and boat access maps for the N.H. Public Water Access Advisory Board. In addition, members assisted with an inventory of boat launch speed limit signs, which resulted in the production and installation of signs with New Hampshire speed limits at Vermont Fish & Wildlife and TransCanada launches (N.H. laws govern activities on the river.)

Meetings are open to the public and we welcome any citizens who are interested in the management of the Connecticut River to become members of the Riverbend Subcommittee. There are currently openings on the Subcommittee in several communities. If you are interested in working with volunteers from area communities on river conservation issues, and serving as a liaison to your municipal boards, we encourage you to attend a meeting to learn more. Please contact our Planning Coordinator Tara Bamford (tara.bamford@crjc.org) for more information.