

CRJC Headwaters Subcommittee

Draft Minutes

Thursday, November 21, 2013

Colebrook Town Office

Present:

Ed Mellett, Northumberland

Bill Schomburg, Columbia

Tom Caron, Canaan

Brendan Prusik, CRJC

John Lanier, guest Columbia

Tara Bamford, NCC staff

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Chairman Ed Mellet. There being no quorum present, membership was discussed. Tom mentioned a guide in Clarksville he spoke with. Tom will also speak with a member of the Pittsburg Selectboard.
2. The minutes of September 12, 2013 were reviewed and discussed but not voted on as there was no quorum.
3. Follow-up from previous meetings –

Tara put the members in touch with Ben Copans about his efforts to organize a water quality monitoring program on the Upper Connecticut. Bill and Kevin went to the meeting and volunteered to help. Bill would be willing to sample at Lyman Falls. Kevin offered to do some of the testing at Colebrook's plant. Ben's next step is to find funding.

Tara distributed the Supplemental Agreement received from Cleve to each member.

Tara worked with Ed to send a letter to TransCanada about FT staff at Conn Lakes.

Tara worked with Ed to get a letter out to DES about RR fine and continued to ask them for info on a final inspection.

Tom spoke with the guide he knows in Clarksville and he sounded interested in serving as a member.

4. Permit Reviews – There were no permits received this quarter.

5. Outreach plan- It was agreed members would contact their towns about having educational material on the town websites, and, if they get the go ahead, will put Tara in touch with the town contact so they can work together to set it up.

It was agreed that Adair's homeowners guide and erosion guides would be good to again provide to town offices and planning boards and others who can get it into the hands of those beginning construction. Tara will make more copies if not available through CRJC and will provide to members to take to their town offices. Bill offered to cover Bloomfield and Lemington in addition to Columbia. An updated shoreland regs flyer would also be good to distribute. Tara will coordinate this with members.

6. Updates – Ed reported that the cemetery commission met with Ron Rhodes about the Groveton cemetery. Ron had some ideas on grants but the engineering showed a cost of about \$1million. The conservation commission had the engineering done. The project would include metal pilings and a road to the bottom.

7. Other Business – Brendan reported on the development of a Stewardship Network project to bring together groups working in the same area to share resources and volunteers and coordinate activities. There is a \$400,000 grant to implement it in New England. Brendan would like to see a Coos Co focus with Headwaters as part of it. There would be a part-time coordinator.

The annual report was reviewed and revised. Tara will distribute it to members to take to towns and to towns with no active members.

8. 2014 quarterly meetings were scheduled for the 3rd Thursday. Tara will follow-up with Brendan W about a meeting with Conte and inquire about the possibility of having a meeting at their visitor center in Brunswick.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Minutes respectfully provided by Tara Bamford