

CRJC Headwaters Subcommittee

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, April 24, 2012

Colebrook Town Hall

Meeting Summary

Members present:

Ken Hastings, Columbia
Kevin McKinnon, Colebrook
Ed Mellett, Northumberland
Gary Paquette, Stratford
Bill Schomburg, Columbia

Charles Patterson from Lemington stopped by to report that he is resigning.

Staff:

Tara Bamford, North Country Council

Guest:

John Lanier

1. Housekeeping items were tabled due to lack of quorum. Towns in need of contacting were divided up- Gary & Bill – Lemington, Stratford, Bloomfield; Ken Hastings – Pittsburg; Kevin – Canaan; Tom Caron – Stewartstown, Clarksville; Ed- Northumberland; Brendan - Maidstone

2. Permit Reviews-

Pittsburg water main – directional drilling under the Connecticut – is proceeding through the permit process. No concerns.

Lynch – seeking waiver for recycling in floodplain. Not a junkyard – should be no motor vehicle parts containing fluids or lube. Existing buildings and impervious surface are already in floodplain. Recycled metals will be stored and baled. Temporary receiving piles will be outside. He will also be collecting paper and plastic. Containment will be important to ensure that materials can't be carried to the river, e.g., to withstand floods and wind. A mechanism needs to be in place to ensure that no e.g. axles or engine parts end up in the pile. Tara will draft a letter and run it by Bill, Kevin, Ed and Ken.

3. Columbia Sand and Gravel Update – EPA fine for discharge to the River was over \$1/2 mil. New owner Pike says in compliance.

It was noted that siltation from Indian Stream has improved a great deal in the past few years. Land use has shifted from logging to subdivision. Logging was a major siltation source.

4. Scorecard – Progress on Corridor Plan Recommendations – tabled.

5. CRJC has been focusing on strategic plan and support for subcommittees.

6. Town Meeting Updates – Stratford's groundwater ordinance failed to pass. Northumberland requirement for buried high voltage lines did not pass but the required floodplain ordinance updates for the NFIP did.

7. Other Business – Bill will pass the CRJC info on the upcoming river runner training on to the Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area.

Updates on river access and mapping were discussed including: kiosk by Connecticut River Paddlers Trail access by historic Bridge St bridge in Colebrook; VT River Conservancy canoe trail campsites; land by Columbia bridge; and Lyman Falls.

8. Next meeting will be scheduled this summer when people know their schedules.