Draft Minutes

In Attendance
Members:
- Richard Schmidt, Westmoreland, NH
- Peter Barrett, Westminster, VT
- Michael Fairchild, Brattleboro, VT
- Don Farquharson, Westmoreland, NH
- Stephen Skibniowsky, Vernon, VT
- Jane Worley, Walpole, VT
- Joe Conroy, Hinsdale, NH

Commissioners:
- Donna Drouin, Walpole, NH

Guests/Public:
- Marie L. Caduto, Vermont DEC
- Lynn DeWald, Walpole, NH
- Dinah Reed, WRC Staff

Meeting Summary
The meeting was convened by Dinah Reed at 6:35 p.m. Joe Conroy of Hinsdale was welcomed as a new member, followed by a round of introductions.

- Review of Minutes – The draft minutes of the October 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

- Recreation Plan –
  - ½ of the plan has been reviewed by the Recreation Plan Working Group. Final Draft will be brought to LRS at February meeting.
  - Suggestion was made that we change formatting and editorial structure to be more reader friendly, since the document is very wordy.
  - Discussion was made by LRS about milfoil issues in the CT River. Suggestion to have a presentation at a future meeting on milfoil and other invasive species.

- Review of Permits
  - Fox Hill Subdivision in Vernon – Indirect Discharge Permit Renewal ID-9-0007
    - Newton Brook is on the impaired waters list -- discharge is to the groundwater and indirectly to Newton Brook approximately ½ mile away. The Committee came to consensus that the LRS would not comment on this permit renewal.
  - GSP Coatings response to our comment letter re: Pretreatment Discharge Permit No. 3-1490
    - The LRS received responses to our comment letter from Ernest Kelley, Wastewater Mgmt. Program, VT DEC on Nov. 26, 2012. Richard Schmidt read through the responses and gave a summary.
    - The Committee was curious to know what a Toxic Management Plan looks like (referenced in responses from State). Dinah Reed agreed to try to get a copy of it and provide it to the LRS.
Another future educational program topic was suggested to bring in a wastewater treatment expert to give a presentation.

- Putney Paper Company – Permit No. 3-1128, Discharge Permit to the CT River
  - Marie Caduto brought to our attention a permit that landed on her desk same day.
  - There was some discussion that included historical knowledge about Putney Paper Company. Dinah Reed and Jane Worley agreed to look into this permit, write a draft letter to be sent by email to the LRS, and if there is consensus, send it by Dec. 31st. Possible comments would include health indicators (in particular linkages to breast cancer) as they relate to the paper company.

- Goals for 2013
  - Projects ideas for 2013 were discussed
    1) Create a procedural guide and/or checklist to help the Committee review permits – taking into account the differences between VT and NH regulations. (It was also noted that permits are easier to review if the application is provided.)
    2) FERC re-licensing – ongoing Wantastiquet LRS Working Group
    3) Source to Sea (S2S) – pull together a large volunteer group consisting of people from both sides of the river – market the effort – get media to cover it - create t-shirts – provide food & transport, etc. Make the community aware of the Wantastiquet LRS through this effort. Talk to Greenfield about ideas that have done in the past.

  - Budgets
    1) A procedural guide for reviewing permits will have material costs, and hours put in by staff.
    2) Source to Sea (S2S) will have an added cost if the effort is done well. These costs could be itemized by category to determine an overall rough estimate.

- Educational program ideas for 2013
  - Milfoil and other invasive species in the CT River – how they spread – given by Laurie Callahan
  - Wastewater treatment – facts about discharge – will research “who” gives this presentation
  - Water Quality Monitoring parameters – given by Marie Caduto


- **Next Meeting** – February 14, 2013

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dinah Reed, WRC Staff to the Wantastiquet LRS