

CRJC Headwaters Subcommittee

April 18, 2013

Historic Columbia Town Hall

Draft Minutes

Present:

Kevin McKinnon, Colebrook
Bill Schomburg, Columbia
Gary Paquette, Stratford
Ed Mellett, Northumberland
Tom Caron, Canaan
Denault Routhier, Bloomfield
Brendan Whittaker, Brunswick
Louis Lamoureux, Maidstone
Brendan Prusik, CRJC
John Lanier, guest
Tara Bamford, staff

1. Housekeeping

Chairman Ed Mellett called the meeting to order at 7:00 and introductions were made.

The minutes of January 17, 2013 were approved as presented by motion of McKinnon/Schomburg.

The Task List was reviewed and updates provided:

Tara reported on her conversation with NHDES staff about the need to make sure LAC gets additional items requested by DES when reviewing a permit. DES has begun moving forward on the creosote dripping from the railroad bridge in North Stratford. Headwaters priorities were conveyed to CRJC staff. Meeting dates for the year were sent to all town clerks to post.

Kevin continued contact with Pittsburg and Canaan about LAC reps. The Colebrook selectboard has tried to form a committee to work on the Riverwalk but he was the only volunteer.

Gary spoke with Mike Lynch who said he would be in touch about being another Stratford LAC rep. Gary and Ron Rhodes will be setting up a time to meet with DES at the site of the potential stream erosion project Gary identified.

Ed reported that Ron Rhodes will be coming to a May meeting of a group of town organizations trying to find a solution to the cemetery erosion problem in Groveton. Bill continued outreach on membership.

2. Permit Reviews – There were no new permits to review.

3. Headwaters Section of CRJC Recreation Management Plan – A copy of the draft Recommendations and Update pages were distributed prior to the meeting. Updates to both were discussed. Tara will make the changes and run a draft by Brendan and Bill before submitting to CRJC.

4. Headwaters LAC response to survey on NHDES Rivers and Lakes Program –the survey was provided to members in advance so they could be thinking about the group's response. Responses to a few questions were compiled for Tara to enter online, Some members expressed frustration with the lack of support and assistance from DES.

5. Updates

CRJC is very involved in the dams relicensing right now. The annual meeting will be in June and Headwaters members are encouraged to attend.

CR Byway committee might be meeting next month. The committee has no money and and the federal byway program may be going away.

6. Other Business – The FY13 scope of work/workplan was reviewed and changes for the coming year discussed. The second and third bullets were deleted and points added about collaboration with partner organizations toward implementation of the corridor plan with a focus on on-the-ground restoration-type projects, and ensuring that information on the shoreland protection act is available at town offices. Tara will run a draft by Ed before submitting to CRJC.

The next meeting was scheduled for July 18 in Columbia but this may need to be revisited as Ed and Bill may both be away.

Brendan will speak with the Conte staff about attending Headwaters meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 and everyone was pleased as there was no heat and it was a chilly evening.

Minutes submitted by Tara Bamford, NCC

