



Mount Ascutney River Subcommittee

New Hampshire – Plainfield, Cornish, Claremont, Charlestown

Vermont – Hartland, Windsor, Weathersfield, Springfield, Rockingham

Tuesday, July 14th, 2015

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38 Ascutney Park Road
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Draft Minutes

Present:

Kelly Stettner, Springfield
Nancy Heatley, Weathersfield
Tom Herson, Rockingham
Margaret Perry, Rockingham
Bill Manner, Springfield
John Bruno, Charlestown
Doree Russell, Claremont
Matthew Magnifico, Windsor
Cordie Merritt, Hartland
Colleen O'Neill, Cornish
Steve Wilkie,
Jason Rasmussen, CRJC
Tara Bamford, NCC staff

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Stettner at 7:00 PM and introductions made. It was agreed that name tags or placards would be helpful. Tara offered to provide them at the next meeting.

Letters went out between meetings on two projects per the direction of the group.

The uses of email by the group that are ok per right to know laws vs those discussions that should be in person only were discussed. Members were reminded to use BCC when providing comments to Kelly or Tara on permits between meetings so an unposted meeting does not inadvertently take place.

2. New Staffing/Management Agreement – Tara Bamford, North Country Council Planning Director, told a little about her background and explained that she will be providing staff support to all 5 subcommittees in an effort to improve collaboration and communication with the CRJC

Commissioners. She will be working as a subcontractor to Upper Valley Lake Sunapee RPC who will continue to staff the CRJC's admin and financial needs.

3. New Meeting Location - Suggestions included the Welcome Center in Windsor and Martin Memorial hall in Ascutney. Tara will look into those and let everyone know where the next meeting will be. There was a slight preference for Windsor if available for free.
4. Connecticut River Management Plan Update - Discussion continued about the desire to update the land use chapter. Tara explained that there is no money right now to help or print an updated plan, but that she can provide guidance to the Subcommittee members as they work on it themselves. Vermont's new requirements for town plans re flood resiliency were discussed. It was agreed that the CMP land use section needs to be updated/strengthened re flood and shoreline info. The Rockingham Planning Commission is beginning to work on an update. Jason explained that there is more disaster money available to towns in Vermont if they meet this requirement. It was agreed that the Mt Ascutney Subcommittee could be of help getting the word out to towns about this requirement/opportunity. The new Vermont water quality legislation and shoreland act should also be referenced in the Corridor Management Plan.
5. Kelly and Nancy have developed a flyer for the Septic System Workshop. Tara will send 10 copies to each member to distribute. Kelly will send everyone a PDF and JPG as well. Suggestions for distribution included RPCs, town offices, chambers of commerce, Eticker news, Frontporch, community television, real estate offices, contractors, septic pumpers for clients, classifieds. Matt will send out to papers. Kelly will do a press release. It was agreed that everyone should keep in touch by email on what bases they've covered so we don't annoy anyone with duplicate contacts.
6. Trans Canada Relicensing Update – John reported that there was an update today but he was not able to participate. BRAT is a stakeholder so automatically receives updates. Kelly or John will send info out to the Subcommittee as it is received.
7. The next two meetings were scheduled for Sept 8 and Nov. 10.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tara Bamford