



AGENDA – PUBLIC NOTICE

Connecticut River Joint Commissions

CRJC Office, 10 Lebanon, NH

Monday, December 21, 2015, 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Subcommittees are encouraged to meet from 1–2:00 PM in the office’s conference rooms. Please advise Pat to arrange the space needs.

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| 2:00 PM | Convene and Welcome |
| 2:05 PM | Business Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Approve October 2015 Meeting Minutes▪ Review October 2015 Financials▪ Report on Local River Subcommittee Activities▪ CRJC Subcommittee Reports |
| 2:35 PM | New Instream Flow Study |
| 2: 50 PM | Re–establishing FERC Subcommittee |
| 3:10 PM | February Meeting Agenda – Invitation to State’s re Speed & Signs |
| 3:25 PM | Collaboration with CRWC State Meetings – Letter Attached |
| 3:45 PM | Other Business/Announcements |
| 4:00 PM | Adjourn |

To: Jason Rasmussen

From: David Deen

Re: Joint CRJC/CRWC meeting with the Governors of VT and NH to talk about FERC relicensing

Hi Jason

CRWC would like to suggest that CRWC and CRJC ask for meetings with the Governors of VT and NH. The topic would be asking them to pay personal attention to the FERC relicensing of the three dams on the mainstem of the river. Along with asking for strong water quality provisions in the state issued 401 Water Quality Certificate, one other key subtopic would be to ask them to help us get a Mitigation and Enhancement fund established for the southern reach of the river.

Our two organizations worked together on the relicensing of Fifteen Mile Falls back at the turn of the century (Isn't tht a great phrase!) to reach settlement with the then owner of the FMF complex, PG&E. Our work together led to the establishment of the Mitigation and Enhancement fund that has been helping organizations do good things for the river since 2003.

CRJC is in place to advise the Governors and the Legislatures of the two states on issues facing the Connecticut River. This relicensing is a core issue because the new licenses will control the dam effects on the river for 40 years into the future. There could be nothing more essential to meeting the charge of the Commissions than to advise the Governors on this relicensing.

CRWC has been and will remain active in all aspects of the relicensing but in terms of getting each of the Governors' offices to pay attention; we would like to ask for help from CRJC. We have advice from observers that statements of concern from citizens to the Governors about the effect of this relicensing are necessary to move this issue onto the radar of the two offices.

CRWC is ready to ask for these meetings but we feel we would be more effective together. If CRJC endorses this approach, we would cooperate fully with CRJC on the logistics of arranging such meetings. The first step would seem to be for the CRJC board to endorse moving forward so the request is that the Executive Committee places this idea on the agenda for the next CRJC full board meeting. Given where we are in the FERC process, now is the time for this idea to move forward.

As I am in flight during the Executive Committee meeting, you will not be able to reach me even on my cell phone. Andrew Fisk; CRWC Executive Director is available to answer any questions. You can reach him on his cell phone at 413-210-9207.