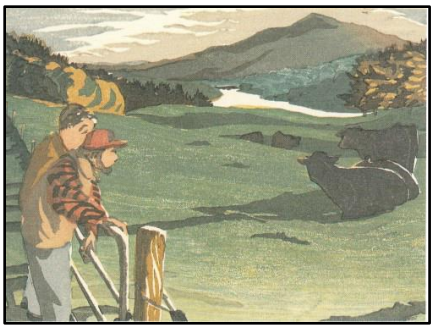

CRJC Mount Ascutney Local River Subcommittee

Tuesday, September 12, 2017
Windsor Welcome Center
7:00PM

Meeting Minutes

Present:
Colleen O'Neill (Cornish)
John Bruno (Charlestown)
Cordelia Merritt (Hartland)
Judy Howland (Hartland)
Bill Manner (Springfield)
Kelly Stettner (Springfield)
James Steele (NCC)
Kathy Urffer – (Connecticut River Conservancy)

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Meeting was brought to order at 7:05PM

Introductions were made around the table.

Kathy Urffer, Connecticut River Conservancy

2. **Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2017**

Minutes from July 11 distributed but due to lack of quorum, tabled until next available meeting.

3. **Permit Review**

John Bruno provided status on S Charlestown to N. Walpole rebuild of NH 12. Attended a public hearing on 8/28. Was named liaison to represent CRJC. Made up of DOT and DES officials. He passed out email detailing the project.

John determined it is an unsafe and negligent design for a $17 million dollar project. Overall a substandard design. Lane and shoulder width not adequate. Does not meet ASHTO, state, federal regulations. Water filtration system was in the frost zone underneath the roadway. Placed underground because there was no room surrounding road to place treatment system. Concerns raised including culverts, precedents on design, water quality, monitoring. John will keep the committee posted as the project moves forward. Please refer to John Bruno Email from 9/11/17 for more information.

4. **Septic workshop planning session**

Posters brought by NCC were distributed
Please distribute to towns and residents.
Discussion of last minute tasks which needed to be done.
Workshop open to NH and VT residents. 5 pre-registrations

Committee discussed options of who could video tape sessions

- BCTV
- James – Schools
- Cordelia – Tech High Schools

Discussion of means to fund workshop efforts. Grants, etc.

- Clean water funds – ACT - ARP
- Education grants

Discussion of other groups who could be brought in such as Vital Communities.

5. **Work on Update of Water Resources Plan**

Discussion of water revitalization plan update. Kelly said it would be made available via Google Sheets. This would allow real time editing and review.

6. **Other Business**

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James: No Updates

Bill – attended a Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission Clean Water Advisory Committee meeting.

Next – Plan be done by end of year – October

Kelly provided review of Black River Sweep done by Black River Action Team.

- Forty volunteers
- Less stuff to pullout this year
- Dragonfly species identified (Bryozoan)
- Confirmed Fresh Water Sponge

Committee discussed dam relicensing process, FERC process issues, and the Great River Hydro. There are currently three outstanding studies on the Great River Hydro. Studies will be peer reviewed

- Small victory on erosion
- Reanalyze erosion studies
- Trying to avoid scene stress
- John discussed geotechnical fluctuation
- Nov 15th or 25th,
    - Opportunity to comment

Kathy Urffer gave overview of current work at the CT River Conservancy, passed out hand outs and materials to committee members. CRC actively going after grants.

All thanked Kathy for her Presentation.

7. **Meeting Adjourned at 8:13PM**
8. **Next meeting: November 14th 7:00 – 8:30**