



Minutes

December 22, 2010

SWCRPC office, Ascutney, VT 10:00 am

Steering Committee Meeting

Present: Glenn English, Tom Kennedy, Peter Gregory, Bob Christie, George Watkins, Steve Adams

Staff: Theresa Darling

Guests: David Deen – CRWC, Bernie Folta

1. Approval of Minutes from October 15, 2010. George moves to accept minutes. Tom seconded. Unanimous.
2. Staffing Update. Tom met with Vicki Smith formerly from UVLSRPC, she now works for the Town of Hanover, and she is interested in the position. She can start immediately. Steve Couture also had a recommendation. CRJC needs to decide exactly what they need someone to do.
3. Finances. Theresa discussed AR and AP reports. NHCF has been fully paid back. Peter discussed sign grants.
4. Local River Subcommittees: The LRS grant has \$2000 left with NHDES. Three of the five subcommittees have met. On January 4th, Tom is meeting with the Mount Ascutney subcommittee. Glenn distributed “local River subcommittee support” document that outlines the relationship between CRJC and the subcommittees. The LRS’s are welcoming the paper. For permit reviews, there is a CRJC permit review procedure already in place for them to follow. The subcommittees that have met have discussed flood plain ordinances. David Deen discussed a model ordinance. The maps need to be updated. They want an analysis to get the floodplain maps updated. They need funding. They are looking for the lead agency to start this and figure out what the natural regime of the river would be without the dams. CRJC wants to ask the T & C to come and speak at a meeting. It was noted that CRJC needs constant communication with LRS’s.

5. Contract review. On the EPA project, Tom understands that there will be an extension. Byway grants are being transferred or closed.
6. Colebrook and AMMO Projects. On the Colebrook project, Pat Garvin is trying to get SBDG money. They are going to be working through the winter. CRJC still has three sources that need to be funneled for that project. It is going forward. CRJC hopes to have the Ammo project wrapped up in spring.
7. Legislative update: Glenn is working on getting CRJC switched us to NHDES. Glenn reviewed all the LSR's and didn't see anything that needed attention.
8. Other Business. Bob Christie asked Steve Couture to review the draft of the bylaws. There are some areas that need work.

CRJC is still dealing with a shortage of NH commissioners. A list of candidates was discussed.

Bob would like to ask the LRS's for suggestions to work with them.

Peter suggested getting together with other non-profits to build relationships and see if we can work together.

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