

Minutes UVSC meeting 12/8/10

The following members were in attendance: Carl Schmidt (Orford), Steven Stocking (Fairlee), Mary Daly (Fairlee), Linda Wilson (Hartford), Genevieve Morinville (Norwich), David Kotz (Lyme), Marc White (Orford) and Caryl Collier (Hanover), Guest Glenn English (President of CRJC)

1) The Chair asked for and it was voted for the Chair to send a formal Thank You letter to Adair Mulligan (formerly of the CRJC Staff) and David Minsk (former Chairman of the Committee) for their many years of service to the UVSC.

2) A discussion was held about the document entitled LOCAL SUBCOMMITTEE PERMIT REVIEW PROCESS (sent to members as an e mail attachment to the Agenda) with particular regard to section B and C. We have not been following these procedures in the last several months in part because the chair was unaware of them and all of the part c tasks were in fact carried out by Adair in the past.

3) Glenn English, (President of CRJC) reported that the CRJC has enough funds to get through this fiscal year and currently has a pledge of \$50,000 in the NH Des proposed budget for the next fiscal year. He is also hoping for \$30,000 from Vermont for next year. If in fact that comes through we will be in relatively good shape.

The CRJC will attempt to expand the reach of the funds received from the states through receiving Grants from other sources interested in the future of the river. Recently the Connecticut River By Ways Group has been spun off from the CRJC and this will reduce the drain of funds in the future.

Glenn also distributed a two page description of what the CRJC hopes to be able to provide the LASC (Local Area Subcommittee) and what the CRJC expects the Chairman of the Subcommittee to do. This document entitled LOCAL RIVER SUBCOMMITTEES SUPPORT is attached. In essence this indicates that they hope to have Staff who can give us most of the help that Adair gave us in the past relative to permits and discussions with the public in general.

Following discussion of those two documents, Glenn asked us to look at a 14 page document that was billed as Model Language and Guidance for Implementing covering a proposal for a FLOOD HAZARD OVERLAY. Copies were made available to those present and will be sent to anyone who requests them but its too long to be added to these minutes. Glenn asked that we ask the towns planning boards to consider establishing these rules.

4 In the discussion that follows Glenn stated that the most important current function of the Subcommittees is the permit review process. The Chair reported that DES requested written comment from the committee on every permit that is submitted in the area. It was agreed that the most useful way to get comment on an application was through a meeting of the Committee as a whole. However, the chair explained that as he is not resident in the area during the five months of winter he can't easily hold meetings whenever a permit application is received.

Through discussion it was decided that the committee should only plan to hold meetings as it has in the past namely every other month. It was the committees decision to try as far as practicable to set a schedule of meetings on the third Monday of every other month between 7-9pm. The Thetford Library was considered by those present as a good site if we can continue to meet there. (The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 21st 2011)

In between meetings the chair will send out information by email on permits to all members as he receives them from CRJC office and to the extent possible we will save the discussions of these permits for the bi-monthly meetings. The chair will consult with Adair as to what was done in the past when permits came up where the period for comment ended before the next scheduled meeting of the Committee.

5) Then followed a brief discussion of status of recent Permit Issues

- A) Wilsons Landing- The DES issued on November an approval notice to the Town of Hanover for the construction of a concrete pad at Wilsons landing for the purposes of establishing a rowing facility. A 30 day window of opportunity for further comment was included in this approval notice. The question was raised as to whether the committee wished to write another letter on this facility and the decision was made not to do so.
- B) Septic Tanks on River Road in Lyme- A permit application has been received for the rebuilding of a small cottage on River Road in Lyme which included the installation of two 1000 gallon septic tanks in the 50 foot flood plain of the River. It was reported that there was virtually no other space for the landowner to establish any other kind of appropriate sewage disposal unit at the site. It was suggested that the applicant examine the possibility for use of some form of waterless toilets. (That suggestion was forwarded to DES after the meeting in behalf of the committee)
- C) Thetford Academy Storm water drain off- a permit application had been received relative a storm water drain from Thetford Academy. Public Comment period on this application has unfortunately expired.
- D) Hanover Replacement of Culvert behind Tuck-There was a brief discussion of a permit for the replacement of a wooden culvert behind Tuck School in Hanover. It is reported that this was a fairly straight forward situation again where comment period had expired.

The chair in the future will endeavor to get relative complete summaries of permits to all members of the committee for comment prior to their expiration period.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 Pm

Respectfully submitted

MARC WHITE
Chairman