

**Connecticut River Joint Commissions
Wantastiquet Local River Subcommittee**

December 7, 2011

Draft Minutes

In attendance: Chris Campany, Commissioner/President CRJC
Richard Schmidt, Westmoreland Conservation Commission
Peter Barrett, Westminster Select Board
Monroe Whitaker, Brattleboro

The meeting was convened at approximately 6 p.m.

- Review of Minutes – The draft minutes of the April 28, 2011 meeting were reviewed but were not voted upon due to the absence of a quorum.
- The Direction of the Wantastiquet Subcommittee Over the Coming Year – Chris provided an overview of the present status of the CRJC, and that a top priority of the Joint Commissions is to rebuild or reinforce the capacity of the local river subcommittees. A strategic planning effort is underway that is building upon the strategic plan developed somewhat recently. There was substantial interest among those present in the outcome of the strategic planning effort that is underway within the CRJC, and that the product of that effort would inform the work of the local river subcommittees. Chris agreed to report to the subcommittee the outcome of the strategic planning session scheduled to take place during the CRJC's regular meeting on January 17th. There was also interest in identifying what local needs might need to be met in the wake of Irene.
- Review of Membership and Gaps That Need to Be Filled – It was suggested that all local river subcommittee members be notified about the meetings of the CRJC because it's possible they may want to attend, and that the rebuilding of the CRJC might spark renewed interest. It was also suggested that current local river subcommittee appointees be surveyed about their continued interest in participating in the local subcommittee, and that this could inform an outreach effort to the towns to fill vacancies or replace those appointees no longer interested in serving. Chris noted that reports about the CRJC and the local river subcommittee would be provided to towns for their annual reports.
- Meeting Schedule for the Coming Year – In order to build momentum, those in attendance agreed that the next meeting should be held January 18th at 6 p.m. at the Windham Regional Commission, and that we should meet every other month thereafter at a location or locations that work for the majority of subcommittee members. It was also agreed that officer elections should occur at the January 18th meeting, the presence of a quorum permitting.
- Review of Permits – Only one permit had been received; a draft discharge permit for Grafton Village Cheese. No action was taken on the permit.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8 p.m.