



**Connecticut River Joint Commissions
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, May 15, 2017
2:00 – 4:00 PM**

Commissioners Attending: Jason Rasmussen, Mary Sloat, Chris Campany, Jim McClammer, Rick Walling. Staff UVLSRPC Steven Schneider, Patricia Crocker

Meeting convened at 2:00 p.m.

Approve March EC Minutes

Comm. Rasmussen moved to approve the minutes as presented. Comm. McClammer seconded. Approved: Unanimous

March 2017 Financials

Jason moved Chris seconded motion to accept financials.

Proposed Budget for SFY2018 – Steve Schneider, Executive Director, UVLSRPC

Mr. Schneider reported that the NCC will be subcontracted for year to do the local river subcommittees. This returns to the original proposal. Tara Bamford will be the NCC employee who will provide the support. He also noted that this is a point at which the CRJC should go out to bid again as a matter of best business practices for administrative services beginning in FY 19. He indicated UVLSRPC would be pleased to continue to provide support to CRJC. He presented a budget which is essentially the same as previous years, but with the addition to the budget and allowance for bid administration and closeout should UVLSRPC not be the selected contractor. Comm. Sloat moved to accept the budget and present it to full commission, Comm. Rasmussen seconded. Vote: Unanimous

NH Contract Documents CRVRC

Comm. Sloat moved to approve the contract as modified to include Executive Committee Certificate of Authority, insert the correct name of the *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, and present it to the full commissions in June. Comm. Campany seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

Follow-up – January Joint Commissions meeting

Using grant funding from the Upper Connecticut River Mitigation and Enhancement Fund, CRJC created a permanent CRJC table top display, table drape, two tables, a pop-up weather tent, and materials on riparian buffers and a homeowner's guide in time for

the CRJC / Conte day at Herrick's Cove. The day went well using volunteers from the Mt Ascutney LRS. Comm. Lembke was unable to be present for this meeting but will report in more detail at the Joint Commissions June meeting.

Jim Kennedy Letter to DES

Comm. Company moved to encourage the leadership to send sign the letter (attached) and note that the Executive Committee supports the message. Jason seconded a motion. Vote: Motion carried with one abstention by Comm. McClammer.

FERC Relicensing – Status Report

Comm. McClammer provided a draft comment letter to FERC on the latest study reports. (attached) The Executive committee approved the letter and staff transmitted it to FERC immediately after the meeting. He also provided a memorandum updating the Commissions on the status of the relicensing. (attached).

CRJC Commissioner (Re) Appointments Recruiting

Brief discussion of recruitment followed and it was noted that Comm. Lembke had been serving as Chair of the Membership Committee. There are several openings on the NH Commission and individuals interested in serving as Vice Chair and Treasurer will be sought for the CRVRC among current members. Staff will provide an update list of members to the Executive Committee.

June Joint Commissions Meeting Agenda

- Commissions Caucus
- Election of Officers
- Review FY 16 Audited Financial
- Presentation of FY 18 Budget
- Discuss seeking bids for administrative services for FY 19
- Website update and interactive boating guide/ Guide publication
- Other Business

Comm. Company suggested Annette Spaulding as a speaker. She is an underwater archaeologist and has an entertaining presentation about findings in the Connecticut River. If she is available, Comm. Company moved that CRJC offer to defray her travel costs up to \$50. Comm. Sloat seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous

Adjourn

Comm. Rasmussen moved to adjourn seconded by Comm. McClammer at 4:15 p.m.