

CRJC Riverbend Subcommittee
Minutes (No Quorum)
 Thursday September 17th, 2020
 5:30PM
 Conference Call

CRJC’s mission is to preserve the visual and ecological integrity and sustainable working landscape of the Connecticut River Valley, and guide its growth and development through grassroots leadership. Five local river subcommittees carry out this work with a corps of over 100 volunteers.

Attendance

Lancaster	Rob Christie		Monroe	Ken Hunter		Guildhall		
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Dalton	Michael Crosby		Bath	Rick Walling	✓	Lunenburg		
Dalton	Gal Potashnick		Bath			Lunenburg		
Littleton	Jim Sherrard		Haverhill	Pauline Corzilius		Concord	Deborah Noble	
Littleton	Jan Edick		Haverhill	Dale Lewis		Concord		
Waterford	William (Bill) Piper	✓	Barnet	Bill Graves	✓	Ryegate	Mary Dole	
Waterford			Barnet	John Fairchild		Ryegate		
Newbury	Scott Labun	✓						
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Olivia Uyizeye (CRJC Staff)

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1. Review of Conference Call Tools and Public Meeting Guidelines

Chair Walling began the meeting without a quorum, conducted via conference call, at 7:15 PM.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Walling welcomed all and invited LAC members and any guests to introduce themselves.

3. Meeting Minutes

Postponed to next meeting.

4. Permit Reviews

a. Wetlands permit for driveway, Lunenburg, VT

Uyizeye gives a brief overview of the permit for a 15 ft wide driveway on an old farm/wood rd through wetland. Two main crossings are identified where culverts will be replaced with 15” structures. No tree removal is required.

Labun and Piper reviewed the permit and agree that it is an improvement and the modifications appear harmless. Walling indicates that an unofficial comment letter from members present might highlight best management practices that minimize wetlands impacts.

Graves appreciated the bringing of this permit to the LRS and encourages this to continue. Graves notes it was done but had not seen one for a couple of years. Consensus among attending members to share an unofficial comment in regards to the application.

5. Other Business

a. Water quality testing sites

Uyizeye shares the list of potential testing sites, with 8 highlights. Piper and Labun both indicate a site near their home they would be willing to do testing on. The question arises whether all sites have to be performed on the same day or if equipment can be passed between members and testing done on different days on each month. WaGoodling will follow up with NHDES and pass information back to members.

Walling asks members to email Olivia with any additional sites they would be willing to take on. Even if only a couple of sites are able to be done, this is beneficial with the possibility to enlist a youth group to help maintain the effort. The idea of these sites is to identify pollution that might occur upstream of the testing site.

b. Community Article

Uyizeye is writing an article for each LRS to be shared broadly among all communities to improve public awareness. Walling suggests using information from the management plan and to have members review a draft with additional comment. Labun also notes the increased camping as part of the Connecticut River Trails. Walling will confirm the name of the local contact for the organization. Uyizeye will share a draft when ready.

6. Adjourn

The meeting is closed and members are thanked for their attendance.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Olivia Uyizeye