



## Connecticut River Joint Commissions

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

CRJC Offices, 10 Water St. Lebanon, NH

Executive Committee Meeting / 1:00–2:00 P.M.

### Minutes

**Present:** Bamford, Caduto, Griffin, Lembke, Chute, Company, McClammer, and Alex Belenzs on phone Emily Davis, Pat Crocker

**Approve November, 2019 EC Minutes** Jennifer Griffin moved to approve the minutes as presented and Lionel Chute seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous

Accept December 2020 Financials Accept – Jennifer Griffin moved to accept the financials as presented and Chris Company seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous

**Marie Caduto – Clean Water Initiative** – Allocations of funds to non-regulatory projects. Clean Water Service Providers will apply to state. The RFP for the first 7 are for Lake Champlain and lake Memphremagog. Non-regulatory TMDL service providers from 2 to 5-year contracts are anticipated. There is adequate time for resolution of some of the open questions about the contracting process and responsibilities. Organize but non-voting member of the local water quality councils. There can be parallels between the local river subcommittees and the new river quality councils. Some of the VT RPCs have expressed an interest.

For CRJC it would require taking on full-time staff to manage these projects. The definition of the Connecticut River Watershed is still not clear because the watersheds will cover Vermont and the Connecticut is in NH. If CRJC was formed to be coordinating activities between the two states the idea would not have these two split responsibilities. Lembke moved to continue to explore becoming a VT Clean Water Service provider.

CRJC take steps to do nitrogen project work with the Long Island Sound Futures Fund.

### **Update on Strategic Planning –Steve Lembke and Emily Davis**

How will we handle note taking on this project so we can present a recap at the March 16 meeting? The goal will be to have an aligned vision for the organization going future. The mission should guide the organization to make steps toward achieving the end state goal.

**Local River Subcommittee Proposal.** There may be some extra funds from the local river subcommittee and if that is the case. Need to confirm with Anne that the funds are available. And the proposal will be reviewed again at the March 16 meeting.

**RFP Administrative Services** – Steve Lembke is proposing tabling option of going out to bid for new service providers especially in light of the planning process that is being undertaken.

Next Joint Commissions will be March 16 dedicated to Strategic Planning.

EC meets back to back April and May and then full commission in June.

***Adopted: May 18, 2020***