

CRJC Riverbend Subcommittee

Minutes

Thursday December 2, 2021

5:30PM

Hybrid Meeting – Littleton Community Center & Zoom 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)

All attendees are present virtually

***NO QUORUM PRESENT.** To meet a quorum, in person attendance from at least half of communities with representatives is required.*

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1. Welcome

Walling starts the meeting at 6:45pm and asks everyone to introduce themselves.

2. Meeting Minutes from July

Due to a lack of in person quorum, minutes are postponed to the next meeting.

3. Permit Reviews

a. Shoreland Permit (2021-01858, Monroe Rd, Littleton)

Piper brings up a concern about a wake boat on the property premises, unrelated to the permit itself. Walling notes there are regulations about wake boats use. Labun notes that if they are within 150 feet of the shore that they are in violation of the law. Piper notes that in his years living there, he's only seen the river patrol there a couple times. Walling offers to share with Piper the contact information to voice any complaints. Piper can then reach out with any concerns that he has about the use of the wake boat. Piper thanks the members for their guidance.

4. Updates & Other Business

a. Water quality testing

Labun and Piper explain challenges they faced accomplishing the NH VRAP water quality testing this past summer. There were specific challenges with the equipment and the weight of pulling up the bucket of water from the river. If another season of testing is to be undertaken, Walling suggests connecting the Riverbend water quality team with the experienced Ammonoosuc team as they have a lot of knowledge in performing the testing and troubleshooting any issues. Labun suggests drilling some holes $\frac{3}{4}$ up the bucket to minimize the weight. Walling shares that they had used a half gallon bucket, put a weight on one side so it tips over when it reaches the water.

b. Riverbend Management Plan Discussion

Members discuss the possibility to update one of the Riverbend management plans. Uyizeye asks if the members need any guidance from the CRJC board to move forward. Members do not have any specific questions for commissioners. Multiple current members were a part of the 2013 update process. Walling suggests members start with the Recreation plan, as it is shorter. Piper and Labun agree. When time is available during meetings, members can go through sections red lining needed changes. Members will contribute specific updates from their communities. Uyizeye asks about topics that may need to be added to the plan, such as those related to climate change. Walling responds that this would be positive to further modernize the plan, however, it would require additional expert guidance to implement. Walling asks Uyizeye to include the recreation plan in her email to all members. Uyizeye will do so.

5. Adjourn

Walling adjourns the meeting at 6:15PM

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 3, 2021, 5:30PM

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Olivia Uyizeye