

**Upper Valley Subcommittee**  
of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions  
Monday, September 20, 2021 - 6:00 PM  
Join In Person –  
Lyme Town Offices 1 High St, Lyme, NH 03768

NH Members:	Present	Absent
Alice Creagh, Hanover, NH		
Vacancy, Hanover, NH		
Eric Agterberg, Lebanon, NH		
Ruth Bleyler, Lebanon, NH		
Bruce Garland, Lebanon, NH (alt)	x	
Bill Malcolm, Lyme, NH	x	
Vacancy, Lyme, NH		
Ted Cooley, Orford, NH		
Carl Schmidt, Orford, NH	x	
Karyn Brown, Piermont, NH		
Helga Mueller, Piermont, NH		

VT Members:	Present	Absent
Vacancies, Bradford, VT		
Ben Dana, Fairlee, VT		
Vacancy, Fairlee, VT		
Danielle Allen, Fairlee, VT (alt)		
David Barrell, Hartford, VT		
Lynn Bohi, Hartford, VT	x	
Bill Bridge, Thetford, VT	x	
Linda Matteson, Thetford, VT	x	
Chet Clem, Norwich, VT (membership pending CRJC approval)		
Vacancy, Norwich, VT		

Meghan Butts, Staff from UVLSRPC (via phone)

**Minutes**

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

Chair Bill Malcolm called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM. Chair Malcolm conducted a roll call of LAC members, invited any guests to introduce themselves, and welcomed all present.

**2. July Meeting Minutes Review**

Malcolm opened up discussion on the July meeting minutes. *Garland made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bohi seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.*

**3. Permit Review**

**Shoreland Permit Application : 1141 Route 10 Orford, NH**

**Description: site and landscape enhancements, including, but not limited to walkways, driveway realignment, and a pool.**

The Committee discussed the permit application. The Committee discussed if there were any zoning regulations in Orford. The Committee discussed the documents and had trouble finding some of the details. The applicant's agents are willing to meet and allow a site visit if the LAC deems that necessary. Committee discussed the potential impacts to the Connecticut River for each of the applicant's proposed site and landscape enhancements and need for a site visit or written comment. The Committee discussed and reviewed the various maps presented in the application.

*Motion: Garland made the motion that the Committee pass on commenting on this permit application and that Chair Malcolm write to NHDES to request the future wetland permit application on this property be sent to LAC for review. Bohi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

#### **4. Other Permit Communications**

##### **a. Route 5 drainage ditch into River on Vermont side of the Orford and Fairlee bridge over the Connecticut River**

The Committee discussed the project and looked at an aerial photo taken prior to the work and several photos taken by a Committee member of current construction. Carl Schmidt commented that in the many years he has been on the subcommittee, this project is perhaps the most disruptive to the riverbank. There was not a permit application for this project as Vermont does not have to notify CRJC and there was no permit application in the Vermont online database. The Committee discussed trying to find out more about this project and potential impacts to the River.

*Motion: Bridge moved to have Committee Member Matteson inquire further about the project to the parties involved. Garland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

##### **b. UVLSRPC support in regard to permit communications**

Chair Malcolm reported to the Committee the duties and responsibilities of the Committee and UVLSRPC in regard to permit communications. UVLSRPC serves as administrative and financial support for the CRJC and its subcommittees. All permit communications and reviews are to be done by Committee members.

#### **5. Updates & Other Business**

##### **a. LRS Water Quality & Outreach Updates**

There were no updates.

##### **b. Commissioners Update**

- I.** Chair Malcolm discussed challenges with recruiting new members. The Committee briefly discussed various strategies used in the past. The Committee agrees that recruitment is important and all municipalities along the Connecticut River should have a representative at meetings.
- II.** Committee member reported that the Connecticut River Conservancy held an event in September where over 70 water samples were tested from tributaries along the Connecticut River.
- III.** The Committee discussed rotating meeting locations as a form of recruitment and to ensure attendance throughout the year. The challenges come from ensuring locations are available, able to accommodate meeting schedules, and be set up for hybrid meetings. COVID-19 protocols are also a concern.

#### **6. Adjourn**

*Garland made a motion to adjourn. Bridge seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.*

*Respectfully Submitted by Meghan.*