

## CRJC Headwaters Subcommittee

### Minutes

Thursday March 24, 2022 - 7:00PM

Hybrid Meeting - Colebrook Town Office, Conference Room, 17 Bridge St, Colebrook, NH / ZOOM

### Attendees

Pittsburg			Northumberland	Edwin Mellett	P
Pittsburg			Northumberland	Dale Covey	X
Colebrook	Kevin McKinnon	P	Bloomfield		
Colebrook			Bloomfield		
Stratford			Lemington		
Stratford	Clayton Macdonald	X	Lemington		
Clarksville			Maidstone		
Clarksville			Maidstone		
Stewartstown			Canaan	Tom Caron	X
Stewartstown			Canaan		
Columbia	Kenneth Hastings	P	Brunswick		
Columbia			Brunswick		

*Note: P = present in person; V = present over remote virtual platform; X = not present*

Attending Virtually: Olivia Uyizeye (Staff, UVLSRPC)

### Minutes

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Mellett called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. Mellett welcomes attendees who then introduce themselves.

#### 2. Meeting Minutes from December

McKinnon moves to accept the December minutes. Hastings seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

#### 3. Permit Reviews

##### a. Back Lack permit to remove existing garage/shed and remodel existing cottage.

Mellett opens conversation on the permit near Back Lake. Mellett notes that through email Caron, who is well suited to evaluate the permit, did not have any concerns. McKinnon and Hastings both express sentiment that the applicant has done everything right, permits are in place, and there are no items of concern that they identified.

#### 4. Other Communications

##### a. Wyoming & Lyman Falls Dam Updates

"We have secured the necessary permits and grant funding to proceed (thanks to all who helped with both of these items!). I'll be putting out an RFP soon so we can get both projects done this summer. If you know of any local contractors who can handle the job, please send me their email so I can send them the RFP. I've attached the mussel survey report here also in case anybody is interested (this was a required step in the permitting process for the Wyoming site.

PS – the Kimball Brook dam removal is moving at a slower pace. Horizon's is still working on the engineering design plans. As some of you probably know, the land was sold or transferred from the

family trust to new owners. We have 2 of the 3 new owners on board with removal and hope to have the final one signed on soon. We will have to replace the snowmobile bridge to get access to the dam site, so we need their concurrence also.”

Mellett summarizes the above message by Ron Rhodes of the Connecticut River Conservancy. Members discuss possible contacts, per his request, and will follow up.

**b. Letter of support, Wild and scenic river study for Paul Stream and Nulhegan River**

Mellett explains that a letter of support was requested for a river study. This was submitted by the LRS early in March. Noah Pollock, Connecticut River Paddler’s Trail, was part of the communications. Another contact from Maidstone had requested the comment letter. Mellett shares that the contact from Maidstone was invited to participate as a member of CRJC from Maidstone.

**5. Updates & Other Business**

**a. Town/Member Updates**

Uyizeye informs members, that after review of the CRJC bylaws in regards member resignations, a method is being employed by the organization to facilitate the ability to meet a quorum. It has been determined that if a member does not attend at least 3 meetings in a row and fails to respond to communications by CRJC members or staff, then that person may be resigned in consultation by the subcommittee chair and CRJC president. This action does not impact any of these individuals’ ability to again join the LRS at a future time. For the Headwaters LRS, no current members fell into this category.

Uyizeye explains outreach experiment, to choose a few towns and try a variety of methods. Hastings suggests outreach at town halls. Unsure how productive boat launches would be. Letter to selectboard. Many do not have planning boards and conservation commissions. McKinnon. Offers to discuss the matter with his Town manager. Mellett. Contacted all selectboards just over a year ago, no responses. Members present agree to try a few methods. Willing to put up flyers. Uyizeye will share an outreach flyer and investigate making contacts with a few local groups.

**b. Water quality monitoring for 2022 season**

Uyizeye summarizes the water quality monitoring work planned for the 2022 season <https://www.crjc.org/water-quality-monitoring/> Uyizeye asks if other members would like to participate, or know of someone, to be in touch. Uyizeye will follow up to finalize details

**c. Commissioners Update**

Hastings explains the 10-month plan with 12 goals. McKinnon: would like to extend CRJC’s concern to be outside the riverbanks, noting a specific concern for invasives like knotweed.

**6. Adjourn**

Mellett makes a motion to adjourn. McKinnon seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

**Next Meeting**

June 23, 2022 @ 7:00PM

*Respectfully submitted by Olivia Uyizeye.*