



CRJC Mount Ascutney Local River Subcommittee

Monday, May 1, 2023

7 PM

Conference Call

Attendees

Plainfield	David Taylor	Virtual	Windsor	Michael Metivier	
Plainfield	<i>Open</i>		Windsor	Jim Bennett	Virtual
Cornish	Jeffrey Plant		Weathersfield	Howard Beach	Virtual
Cornish	<i>Open</i>		Weathersfield	<i>Open</i>	
Claremont	<i>Open</i>		Springfield	Bill Manner	Virtual
Claremont	<i>Open</i>		Springfield	Kelly Stettner	Virtual
Hartland	Judy Howland	Virtual	Rockingham	<i>Open</i>	
Hartland	<i>Open</i>		Rockingham	<i>Open</i>	
Charlestown	John Streeter				
Charlestown	<i>Open</i>				

Virtual: Olivia Uyizeye (CRJC staff)

No Quorum – This meeting does not meet the requirement for a quorum.

Meeting Notes

1. Welcome & Introductions

Chair David Taylor calls the meeting to order at 7PM. Taylor welcomes all present. Attendees and visitors introduce themselves, providing local updates.

- Manner. Big rainstorm coming down in Springfield. Connecticut River flowing near top of the bank.
- Beach. Minor flooding. Couple farm fields under water, getting cattle out.
- Bennett. Ottauquechee tributary is roaring.
- Howland. Out of Town.
- Taylor. Rocks out in the River near Edgewater Farm. River up to the top near those indicating a big flow. Illinois, very high winds and sandstorm, right after farmers turned the soil.
- Oklahoma dust bowl is how the NRCS got started, flooding in VT.

Merritt and O'Neill resigned. Members appreciated their contributions and wished them well. Renovation project to make the Cornish general store into a library and community center.

2. Meeting Minutes from July (for approval)

Tabled for next meeting.

3. Permit Review

a. Ashley Ferry Boat Landing, Claremont NH

Improvement and normal boat landing maintenance reviewed. No comments.

b. Pesticide Permit, St Gaudens, Cornish NH

Use of pesticides in the identified area was reviewed. No comments

4. Updates & Other Business

a. Town/Member Updates

Bennett. Possible stormwater violation below industrial park. Considered too small for any major concern from permitting agencies.

Taylor. Keeping an eye on the banks of the River and especially tracking the river road renovations in Plainfield. Three corners improvement in Hartland also being monitored.

Stettner. Stoughton Pond underwater from the recent rain. Doing a few coliform tests near a possibly concerning site.

Manner/Howland. Ottawaquechee Natural Resources Conservation District has a new district manager. Replacing a few failing culverts. Two culverts started failing in 2011. Pretty expensive project. Multi-use trail, culvert to bridge. Concern for increasing storm events. Cadie Brook.

b. WQ Season

Uyizeye updates members on the water quality program for the season. Details can be found at <https://www.crjc.org/water-quality-monitoring/>

c. SW Program

Uyizeye shares a grant proposal to address stormwater impacts on Nitrogen loading to the Connecticut River. The program focuses on municipal stormwater systems and permitting procedures. Members express support for the program.

d. Commissioners Proposed Actions in respond to LRS Survey

Uyizeye updates members on actions to be taken by Commissioners based on their feedback this Winter. This includes an effort to attend meetings, confirmation of two riverwide speaker events and 1 social for all Commissioners and LRS. Also, an effort to explore priority projects.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourns at 8PM

Next Meeting

Monday August 7, 2023 @ 7pm – tentative

Meeting notes respectfully submitted by Olivia Uyizeye.