

CRJC Riverbend Subcommittee
Minutes
 Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 5:30PM
 In-Person Meeting at Littleton Community Center

Attendance

Lancaster	Rob Christie	P	Monroe			Guildhall		
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Dalton			Bath	Rick Walling	P	Lunenburg		
Dalton	Gal Potashnick	V	Bath			Lunenburg		
Littleton			Haverhill	Pauline Corzilius	X	Concord	Deborah Noble	V
Littleton			Haverhill	Howard Hatch	X	Concord		
			Haverhill	Gale Lewis	P			
Waterford	William (Bill) Piper	P	Barnet	Bill (William) Graves	P	Ryegate	Mary Dole	X
Waterford			Barnet	John Fairchild	P	Ryegate		
Newbury	Scott Labun	P						
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Note: P = present in person; V = present over remote virtual platform; X = not present

Partners Present: Andrea Cass (CRJC Staff, Virtually)

Minutes

1. Welcome

Walling calls the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

2. Meeting Minutes Review from June 2022

Graves moved to approve the June minutes, Piper seconded. June Minutes are approved 7-0-2. Labun and Noble abstain.

There were no additions or corrections to September or January notes (these months did not have a quorum).

3. Permit Reviews and Communications

- a. Wetlands Permit: [2023-00678](#) (For informational purposes only. Not subject to LAC review) Applicant: Eversource Energy

Walling said how we do not comment on this. It was a review of their field equipment. There was no ground disturbance.

- b. Water Quality Certification: Newbury Hydroelectric Project – Rick Report Out

Walling talked about the public meeting just upstream from Wells River Village. There are no changes in pool levels, operation. Even if the dam were not there, there wouldn't be movement upstream anyway. There were 6 people there from the power company, two interested in white water rafting, someone from a conservation commission, and there were not that many questions. He asked about the passage and pool. The white-water rafters were worried about losing the rapids. The big question related to the pull-off and which side of the impoundment the Vermont cross country trail would be on and access to that. Green Mountain Power said they would look into these recreation issues.

- c. Stormwater Runoff from Construction Sites General Permit 3-9020 (CGP): Notice of Intent: Permit ID: [9601-9020](#), Ryegate, VT

Walling said it's past the date they can comment on it. It's a repair of a ditch on the interstate. He said it wouldn't likely end up in the river. It came up as a Class II and goes under "moderate impact."

Noble said that her understanding was that they were going to reroute traffic, and they might go down near the river or near route 5 but was unsure if that was right. Noble thought they would have to deal with the ledge.

There was general discussion about the reroute and ledge.

Walling said they plan to do this next year and expected it to be completed in 2024.

4. Updates & Other Business

There was general discussion around water testing and how there is someone from NHDES who is willing to go in the field and work with them.

Christie brought up the Connecticut River Conservancy and said they want to be more involved with Riverbend. They talked about removing the Wyoming dam. The dams have been mostly underwater, and they've been trying to take it out. CRC has a budget to work with. In the past, they were represented on the Commission.

Christie requested more updates about the CRC and legislative bills that may be interested.

Graves mentioned McIndoe Falls Academy and that everyone invited people to musical events. One of their goals is for a gathering center in the Connecticut valley. There is a talk at the Barnet library in May or June who was a previous coordinator in this group for a speaking event. Barnet public library and McIndoe Falls Academy will have the information. It is an effort to preserve the idea it is a learning center and future meeting site.

5. Adjourn

Piper Moved to adjourn; Graves seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

Next Meeting

5:30 pm on Thursday, July 20th

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Andrea Cass