

## CRJC Riverbend Subcommittee

### Minutes

Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 5:30PM

In-Person Meeting at Littleton Community Center

#### Attendance

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

Partners Present: Olivia Uyizeye (CRJC Staff, Virtually); Majestic Terhune (CRJC Staff, Virtually)

#### Minutes

##### 1. Welcome & Introductions

- a. Walling calls the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

##### 2. Approve Meeting Minutes from May 2023

- a. Graves motions to approve the minutes without changes. Christie seconds. The motion passes 6-0-2. Bradshaw and Sherman abstain.

##### 3. Permit Reviews and Communications

- a. Special Permit application # 23-254.

Uyizeye provided an overview of the permit, which addresses invasive plant species, and reviewed maps of impacted locations. Christie questioned whether permit is within purview of LRS but determined that it is within Riverbend watershed. Group discussed best management practices. Noble addressed potential impact of rain.

Graves motions to submit comments regarding best management practices. Piper seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

- b. Wetlands Permit: [2023-01446](#) at NH ROUTE 135, Dalton

Description: Proposed project at existing culvert over Rix Brook 2006-01640 the project is to protect the structure from scour and the outlet pool to partially fill with sediment and to prevent the headwall from being undercut.

Members reviewed permit maps, current issues with overhead drainage, and current conditions of structure. Noble noted impact of the steep area upstream.

Graves motioned to approve without comment. Christie seconded. Motion passes 7-1-0. Noble opposes due to concern over not implementing additional methods to assist with recurring erosion and upstream flow.

- c. Alteration of Terrain (AoT) Bureau Permit Application (RSA 485-A:17); NHDES File Number: 230622-136, Project Name: 451/452 HDVC Electric Transmission Line Maintenance Project

Walling summarized permit application. Members discussed impacts of driving equipment on the roads and past experiences with the area.

Fairchild motioned to pass without comment. Sherman seconded. The motion passes unanimously.

#### **4. Updates & Other Business**

- a. Northern Pass II/Twin State Project

Members discussed where the new transmissions will be located relative to the Connecticut River. The lines will go down the road rather than through private property, and archaeologists will review possible sites. Walling noted that there will be future directional boring some distance below the Connecticut River.

Members discussed the two competing contracts for the Northern Pass II, with one likely being awarded this fall. Aim for this to be commercial by 2030.

- b. Technology

Christie introduced issue of technology during meetings. Uyizeye to look into solutions for pre-meeting information sharing, meeting venues, and equipment updates.

- c. Uyizeye provided updates on staffing changes (Cass to leave UVLSRPC/CRJC).

- d. CRJC Social

Uyizeye advertised upcoming CRJC Social on Oct. 7, 11am-3pm, at Storrs Pond in Hanover, NH. Open to current, past, interested community members. Families and friends welcome.

- e. CRJC Priority Projects

Uyizeye shared a call for priority projects. CRJC is looking to put more funding toward priority projects that CRJC hopes to pursue, such as restoration, education, and management plan updates. CRJC is interested in knowing if there are any specific types of activities that they would like to pursue. Members to contact Uyizeye with any ideas and consider prior to next meeting.

- f. Walling requested Management Plan updates. Uyizeye reviewed recent changes within CRJC. Other updates to be added to agenda for next meeting.

#### **5. Adjourn**

Christie motioned to adjourn. Graves seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Next Meeting**

5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2023

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Olivia Uyizeye and Majestic Terhune*