



CRJC Mount Ascutney Local River Subcommittee

Monday, January 8, 2023

7 PM

Attendees

Plainfield	David Taylor	P	Windsor	Jim Bennett	P
Plainfield	<i>Open</i>		Windsor	<i>Open</i>	
Cornish	Jeffrey Plant	X	Weathersfield	Howard Beach	X
Cornish	<i>Open</i>		Weathersfield	<i>Open</i>	
Claremont	<i>Open</i>		Springfield	Bill Manner	V
Claremont	<i>Open</i>		Springfield	Kelly Stettner	X
Hartland	Judy Howland	V	Rockingham	<i>Open</i>	
Hartland	Dan Nelson	X	Rockingham	<i>Open</i>	
Charlestown	<i>Open</i>				
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P – In-Person; V – Virtual; X – Not Present

In-Person: Majestic Terhune (CRJC Staff Consultant)

Virtual: Hannah Dallas (Southern Windsor County Forester)

1. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Taylor started the meeting at 7:04 PM. Members and other attendees introduced themselves.

2. Meeting Minutes from October 2023

Taylor opened the October 2023 minutes for review.

Howland motioned to approve the minutes. Bennett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Permit Reviews

a. Alteration of Terrain Permit in Charlestown, NH

Manner stated that the applicant still needed to provide a notable amount of more information for the application to be complete.

Dallas asked after the typical procedures and topics of discussion for the subcommittee. Howland, Taylor, and Terhune described the operations of the committee.

Bennett, Howland, and Manner discussed the deficiencies within the application, citing NHDES' request for more information. Manner suggested submitting a comment that stated that the subcommittee had no objection to the concept of the application, however, the subcommittee would have to revisit the application after the applicant submitted the requested information to make a final decision.

Bennett motioned to submit a comment to the applicant as per Manner's suggestion. Howland seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. St. Gaudens Special Permit for Herbicide Application in Cornish, NH

Terhune shared Nelson's comments on the application. Nelson had emailed Terhune concerns over whether the invasive posed a greater threat than the herbicide treatment, what alternatives to the application had been considered and rejected, and whether they would use the "cut-and-daub" method of application near water.

Manner and Taylor highlighted the invasive species targeted within the application and the standard application practice. Dallas noted that the applicators have completed similar work throughout Windsor County and had appropriately managed the treatment.

Howland motioned to submit comments to the reviewer stating that the subcommittee had no objections to the application. Manner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Springfield Hospital Notice of Intent in Springfield, VT

The subcommittee reviewed the notice of intent. Manner highlighted that the notice was for a renewal and had no comments. The group had no further comments.

4. Updates & Other Business

a. Connecticut River Joint Commissions Riverwide Series

Terhune notified members of upcoming training and speaker opportunities geared toward CRJC members. They include:

CRJC Training for Current and Interested Members (2/6, 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
Nitrogen Pollution and the Connecticut River (2/27, 6:00-7:30 p.m.) and
Floodplain Management and the Connecticut River (3/12, 6:00-7:30 p.m.)

Terhune stated that she will follow up to the committee with more details.

b. Network to Reduce Agricultural/Stormwater Runoff Pollution

Terhune introduced the LISFF-funded project and stated that she will send the committee further details.

c. Town/Member Updates

Taylor requested that members assist in searching for other representatives to fill subcommittee vacancies. Terhune said that she will follow up with inactive members to confirm that are no longer with the committee.

5. Adjourn

Howland motioned to adjourn. Bennett seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Next Meeting

Monday, April 8, 2024 @ 7 PM

Meeting notes respectfully submitted by Majestic Terhune