



CRJC Mount Ascutney Local River Subcommittee

Monday, April 15, 2024

7 PM

Attendees

Plainfield	David Taylor	P	Windsor	Jim Bennett	P
Plainfield	<i>Open</i>		Windsor	<i>Open</i>	
Cornish	<i>Open</i>		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	P	Rockingham	<i>Open</i>	
Hartland	Dan Nelson	P	Rockingham	<i>Open</i>	
Charlestown	<i>Open</i>				
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P – In-Person; V – Virtual; X – Not Present

In-Person: Ian Garland (CRJC Staff Consultant)

1. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Taylor started the meeting at 7:09 PM. Members and other attendees introduced themselves.

2. Meeting Minutes from October 2023

Taylor opened the October 2023 minutes for review.

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

3. Permit Reviews

a. FERC Relicensing of Wilder, Bellows Falls, and Vernon Dams

Taylor asked if the deadline had been extended again. The rest of the group was unsure but don't think that it has been extended past the first time.

Nelson shared the draft comments and said that he agreed with them and that they made sense.

More discussion about draft comments; no extra comments provided by the group; agreement from all that the existing comments were adequate.

Nelson mentioned that he would like more town municipalities to be aware and involved in the public comment process; would like these voices in addition to CRJC committee voices.

Nelson motioned to approve the draft comments. Howland seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Informational/Past Comment: Ashley Ferry Boat Access Ramp; Claremont NH; Annual Silt Maintenance Dredging

Garland brought up the Ashley Ferry Boat Access Ramp and asked if there were any updates.

There were no changes or updates; the group engaged in some anecdotal conversations about similar spots/projects in the region.

4. Updates & Other Business

a. Town/Member Updates

Taylor asked Bennett if there are any updates/anything going on in Windsor. Bennett mentioned that the flooding has been gentle so far, but there is nothing else noteworthy.

Nelson brought up the Fish and Game Boat Landing/Carry On Boat Launch and said that it is badly eroded. He called Fish and Game, but they said they are stretched thin. He asked if this is something that the CRJC can help with. The launch is located North of the Windsor Covered Bridge on Route 12A.

There was some more basic discussion about FERC and an Upper Valley News Article about it.

Judy spent a couple of minutes talking about and recapping the Bi-State Farm Bill Event that was held earlier in the day. Mentioned that there were lots of good conversations about farm insurance and other topics.

5. Adjourn

At 7:37 Howlen motioned to adjourn. Manner seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Next Meeting

Monday, July 8, 2024 @ 7 PM

Meeting notes respectfully submitted by Ian Garland