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Connecticut River Joint Commissions

Full Commissions Meeting

Monday, March 25, 2024 - 2 PM

Hybrid Meeting – Community Room, Kilton Library, Lebanon, NH

ATTENDANCE

NH CRVRC COMMISSIONERS			VT CRWAC COMMISSIONERS		
NCC	OPEN		Sec. Nat. Resources	Marie Caduto	P
UVLSRPC	Ted Cooley	P	NVDA	Beth Torpey	X
SWRPC	Jeffrey Miller	P	WRC	Margo Ghia	V
CRC	Kate Buckman	V	MARC	Jason Rasmussen	V
CRFCC	OPEN		TRORC	Pete Fellows	V
Hydro-Electric	Jen Griffin	V	RPC#5	OPEN	
Conservation	OPEN		At Large	Beth Kennett	V
Tourism	OPEN		At Large	OPEN	
Agricultural	OPEN		At Large	OPEN	
Forest Products	OPEN		At Large	OPEN	
At Large	Jim McClammer	P	At Large	OPEN	
At Large	OPEN		At Large	OPEN	
At Large	OPEN		At Large	OPEN	
At Large	OPEN		At Large	OPEN	
At Large	OPEN		At Large	OPEN	

Note: P = present in person; V = present over remote virtual platform; X = not present.

Additional attendance

In Person:

Larry Coffin

Paul Detwiler, Hanover NH (Interested CRVRC At Large commissioner)

Greg Castell, Plainfield NH (Interested CRVRC At Large commissioner)

Virtual:

Don Devanney, Great River Hydro, Director of Asset Management

Hannah Dallas, Southern Windsor County Forester

(Pending Commissioner appointment for CRWAC At Large forestry stakeholder).

Erin De Vries, Vermont River Conservancy, Co-Executive Director and Conservation Director

(Pending Commissioner appointment for CRWAC At Large conservation stakeholder).

Olivia Uyizeye, Staff Consultant.

AGENDA

2:00 PM Convene

1. Welcome

President Cooley starts the meeting at 2:13pm. Commissioners and guests in attendance introduce themselves.



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2. Flooding in the Connecticut River Valley with Larry Coffin

Larry Coffin, who writes a monthly column called *In Times Past* in Bradford VT, speaks about the history of flooding in the Upper Valley from the early 19th century through 1936. The talk is based on his blog post about the impact of the 1936 flood in the Upper Valley -

<http://larrycoffin.blogspot.com/2016/03/flood-of-1936-floods-dams-and-bridges.html>

3. Adopt/Review Minutes of January

Cooley opens the January meeting minutes for review. No edits.

By motion of Caduto/Miller, the minutes are approved. The motion passes unanimously with Griffin/Buckman abstention.

4. Financial Report

Rasmussen reviews the notes on the February financials. Spending looks on target. No concerns are raised. The posted financials were incomplete for Commissioners to review; thus it is decided to postpone financials approval to the next meeting.

5. Continuing Assessment Plan or "CAP"

a. 2- Staffing

Rasmussen reports on work for the request for proposals worked on with Ghia. The deadline is April 12, and at this time there have been no inquiries. Another round of outreach will be performed.

b. 7- Bi-State Meetings

By motion of Caduto/Rasmussen, Food and accessories are approved, up to \$2,000, for the two bi-state events on agriculture and land use. The motion passes unanimously.

c. 11- Partnerships

The partner survey has closed and results are under review.

6. Updates and Other Business

a. LRS Member Approval

By motion of Rasmussen/Caduto, the new member Lynnwood Andrews is approved. The motion passes unanimously.

b. Hydro-relicensing

UVLRS submitted comments on the draft language shared by Uyizeye to Commissioners, LRS members and FERC subcommittee members.

Commissioners agree that the full commissions should send a letter to FERC with comment. This letter will be revised and approved by the following schedule.

- Deadline for comments, April 5
- Revisions by McClammer April 15/17
- Executive board meeting vote April 19



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c. Dalton Landfill

McClammer had shared his letter to comment on the permit. Considering his position with the Town of Dalton, it is appropriate for someone else from CRJC to lead the comment letter.

Cooley and Uyizeye will compile comments that Commissioners have to share on this project.

d. Connecticut River Watershed Partnership Act

No updates.

e. Other Business

LISFF Stormwater – McClammer asks if he represents CRJC or him independently on the partner advisory committee.

By motion of Miller/Caduto, McClammer will serve as a liaison rather than a representative. The motion passes unanimously.

4:00 PM Adjourn

Cooley thanks everyone for attending.

By motion of Miller/Caduto the meeting is adjourned. The motion passes unanimously.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Olivia Uyizeye.