

Wantastiquet Local River Subcommittee

of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions

New Hampshire – Walpole, Westmoreland, Chesterfield, Hinsdale
Vermont – Westminster, Putney, Dummerston, Brattleboro, Vernon



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The Wantastiquet Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) meets every two months and consists of up to two volunteers nominated by riverfront municipalities, with allowance for alternates. Throughout 2025, the Subcommittee has maintained a hybrid meeting format where a quorum of participating municipalities is required to be present in person. Current members of Vermont are Kathy Urffer and Michael Fairchild from Brattleboro, Andy White from Vernon, Jim Calchera from Westminster, Heidi Henkel from Putney, and openings in Dummerston. Current members of New Hampshire are Roland Volbehr from Chesterfield, Mike Darcy from Hinsdale, Samantha Loch from Walpole, and Perry Sawyer from Westmoreland. Those with one representative have an opening for a second volunteer. During 2025, Perry Sawyer from Westmoreland served as chair. Meetings and events are open to the public.

Wantastiquet is one of the five subcommittees a part of the CRJC since 1989. The Subcommittees provide a local voice to help steward the resources on or affecting the Connecticut River, particularly on topics related to the maintenance of good water quality, wildlife habitat, and appropriate development. Specific responsibilities include providing feedback on proposed permits and plans to NH Department of Environmental Services, VT Agency of Natural Resources, and municipalities. In addition, CRJC is responsible for maintaining a bi-state watershed plan.

During 2025, Wantastiquet engaged on several issues. Permits that were reviewed include a solar permit in Vernon, a wetlands permit in Putney, a Brattleboro solid waste management facility certification, a Westminster Green Mountain Power letter of Intent, and others.

In 2025, Wantastiquet will continue their activities in management, outreach, and learning for the Connecticut River. Wantastiquet welcomes local participation in permit reviews, educational events, watershed planning, and water quality monitoring. If you are interested in learning more, please contact us at info@crjc.org.

