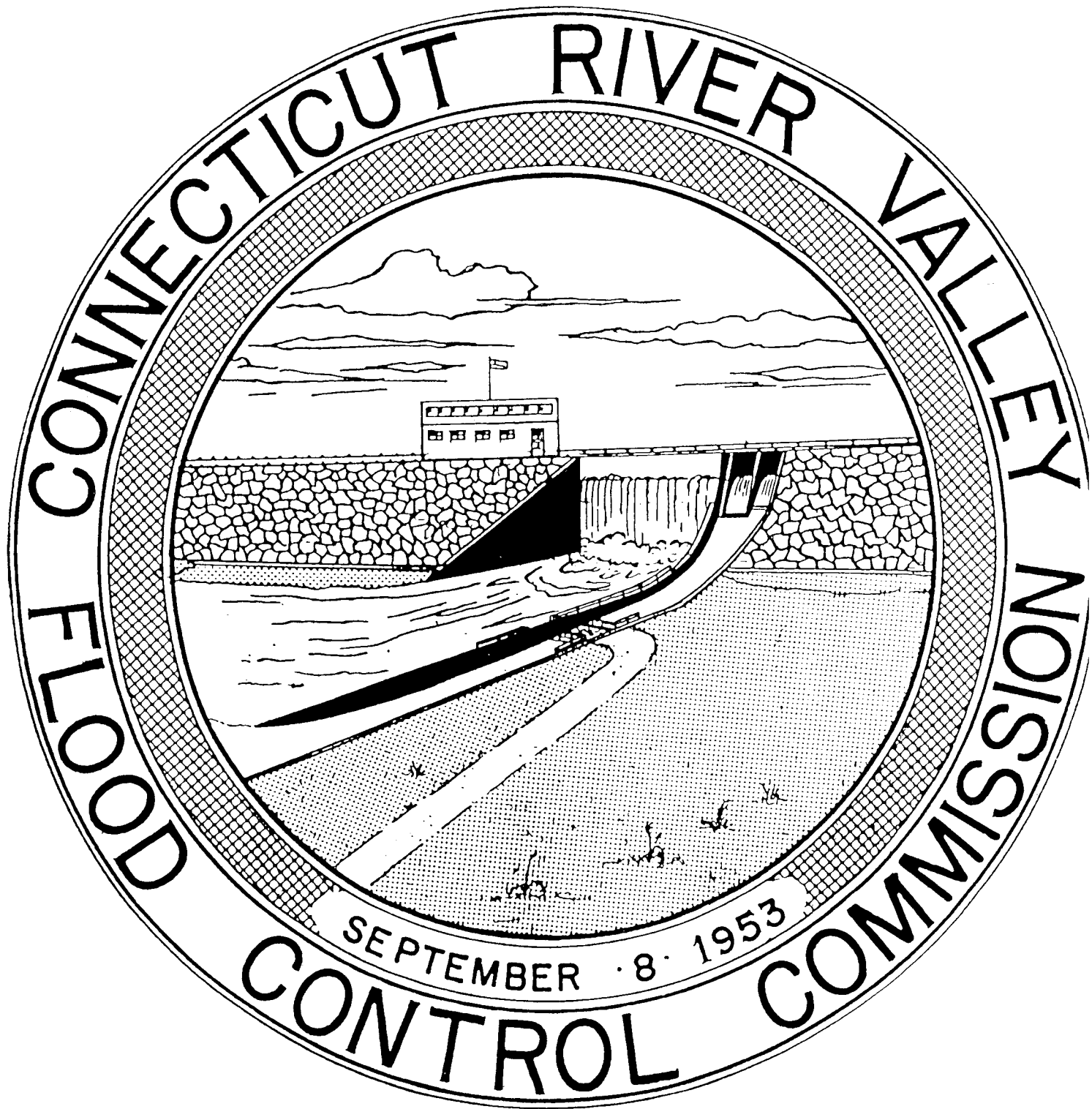


# ANNUAL REPORT



July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

The Connecticut River Valley Flood Control Commission, established September 8, 1953 when the signatory states of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont ratified the Compact which states, in Article I:

The principal purposes of this Compact are:

- a) To promote inter-state comity among and between the signatory states;
- b) To assure adequate storage capacity for impounding waters of the Connecticut River and its tributaries for the protection of life and property from floods;
- c) To provide a joint or common agency through which the signatory states, while promoting protecting and preserving to each the local interest and sovereignty of the respective signatory states, may more effectively cooperate in accomplishing the object of flood control and water resources utilization in the basin of the Connecticut River and its tributaries.

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CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION  
AS OF JUNE 30, 2010

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Robert Grimley, Vice Chairman  
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## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

### **July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010**

The year was marked by transitions for the Commission. For close to 29 years the Connecticut River Valley Flood Control Commission has relied upon Pauline (Polly) Smiaroski for administrative support. In March, 2010, Polly notified the Commission that she was planning on retiring as our Executive Secretary effective June 30, 2010. Polly over the years has kept us organized, kept the books, performed the banking, coordinated with all four states and maintain our files in the Commission's office maintained in her home. Basically she did it all.

Polly accomplished everything with a smile and a kind heart. She was often the gentle pressure that kept the Commission on track and made sure we didn't lose our focus and that the administrative functions required by our Charter were always undertaken.

Polly started working for the Commission in 1981. At that time she began working for Nathan Tufts in an office in Greenfield. Mr. Tufts was engaged in many activities, many of which had to do with water rights, etc. He was a member of the Connecticut River Valley Flood Control Commission and meetings were held in his office on a quarterly basis. Her main duties were secretarial and she typed minutes of meetings, etc. That continued for 11 years, until Mr. Tufts retired.

In June, 1992 the Commission moved its office to Polly's home in South Deerfield, Massachusetts, where she was in charge of all office matters. Quarterly meetings were held (and continue to be held) in Northampton, Massachusetts, in the Massachusetts Dept. of Conservation and Recreation office, 136 Damon Rd., Northampton, MA 01060.

With Polly's retirement there was a huge hole that needed to be filled. In addition, there was a long history of Commission work and procedures for undertaking our annual duties that needed to be documented, and a mechanism for fulfilling those administrative support functions found. This is where the transition continues. The Commission is fortunate that the Connecticut River Watershed Council in Greenfield, Massachusetts has agreed to take over the administrative duties of the Commission. From our initial inquiry, Chelsea Gwyther, Executive Director of the Connecticut River Watershed Council, welcomed the concept of the two organizations working together. The Connecticut River Watershed Council and the Connecticut River Valley Flood Control Commission have complementary geographic boundaries and missions. We both share a great love and respect for our "long tidal river."

The Watershed Council's capacity for providing administrative and treasurer support services, and our desire for a long term commitment of support, forms the basis for a win-win arrangement between the two environmental organizations. The Watershed Council has determined a fair hourly rate for their services which can be accommodated through each of the four member states administrative support payments to the Commission. The Flood Control Commission intends to make this interim relationship more permanent through a formal agreement between the two organizations.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (cont.)**  
**July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010**

In this transition we welcome Pat LaMountain of the Connecticut River Watershed Council. Diving right in, Pat has handled the transition smoothly. We appreciate her ability to keep things organized and keep us moving forward.

Lastly, we wish our beloved Polly Smiaroski well in her retirement and thank her for all her dedicated years of services

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Ruzicka, Chairman

## **SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETINGS HELD DURING THE PERIOD OF THIS REPORT**

### **September 25, 2009** –

Motion was made, seconded and approved: that the Minutes of 6/26/09 be accepted as presented. Mike Misslin stated there needs to be 3 appointments from Massachusetts because Mike and Martha are “ok’d by the Governor but not formally appointed. The chair said to keep Massachusetts on the hot seat to try and appoint someone. Mike also said, “Massachusetts processed the funds August 3”. It has not been seen in the account (direct deposit). The Nominating Committee presented their slate of officers as follows: Chair - Denise Ruzicka, Commissioner from Connecticut and Vice Chair - Robert Grimley, Commissioner from New Hampshire. Motion to accept the nominations of the Chair and Vice Chair was made, seconded and approved. Evan Hammond turned everything over to Denise. She also thanked Evan for the job he had done, especially in regard to the Connecticut River Valley Project Maps – in 1984 they had been created by the Corps of Engineers--for the whole region. For the maps in which we were specifically interested, Evan scanned each of 117 pages and then put all the information on disc for everyone. There are extremely useful figures and costs, etc. on these pages.

Bob Grimley asked, “Since there is already flood control along the Connecticut River, what would be required for a 100 year flood - are we current on that? Are there projects that need to be done? Mike responded that there hasn’t been any building for 20 years. Cornell is doing a presentation for the Northeast in 2 weeks. Storm peaks are more frequent, we’re having a 100-year storm every 10 years...something is wrong – there is over topping, breaking, etc. They’re looking to analyze new information from 6 months to 1 year. They’ll be looking at dam safety reports to show how they are responding for 5-7 years. Barbara speculated that development is also involved and Mike agreed with that.

### **December 4, 2009**

Motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to accept the Minutes as presented. Mike Misslin said he was sorry to report that Martha King was laid off and she was moving to Hawaii. Motion was made, seconded and approved that the Chair be authorized to send letters to Governor Patrick and any other person, as appropriate, stating we are bound by our Compact to have 3 persons from each of the four states on the board. Currently, we have one for Massachusetts. Motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the 2009 Tax Loss Figures as presented, with Gary Moore abstaining. Motion was made, seconded and approved, to accept the Annual Report as presented. Suggestion was also made that copies be mailed to each state, in addition to passing them out at meetings. Gary said he had seen information about hydro facilities being installed at Ball Mountain and Townshend. The Corps has been told to cooperate with NRCS regarding the feasibility of more 566 dams having hydro. They are putting in Helico turbines which are very compact – it’s new technology.

### **March 19, 2010**

On March 19, 2010, a gathering of Commissioners took place at the DCR office in Northampton MA. All were present except Mike Misslin, Bill Pettengill, and Gary Moore. Because the State

of Massachusetts was not represented, Commissioner Barbara Ruhe, acting in her role as an attorney, told us that we did not have a meeting. Therefore the usual transactions could not take place. Sometime earlier we had invited Janet Patev, of the Corps of Engineers to give us a presentation about what's going on at the Ball Mountain site in Vermont. Janet is the Project Manager at Ball Mountain and her presentation was excellent. She answered many questions with expertise and she had a slide program which helped a lot in our understanding. Afterward, Denise, Robert and Polly went to the Bank of America in Greenfield so that the names of Denise and Robert could be put on the books.

### **June 26, 2010**

Since the March meeting was not official, the December 2009 minutes were not accepted at the March meeting. They will be brought to the September 2010 meeting for approval. The Connecticut River Watershed Council brought an agreement to contract for providing administrative services to CRVFCC for six months through December 2010. Pat LaMountain, Finance Director, and Chelsea Gwyther, Executive Director, were present at the meeting. Pat LaMountain will serve as Secretary/Assistant Treasurer for the interim agreement. Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously: To require that all checks over \$500 require two signatures, one the Chair or Vice Chair of the Commission, the second the Executive Director of the Connecticut River Watershed Council, as contractual administrator for the Commission. Any check under \$500 can be signed by any one of the three signers. Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously: To authorize the Chair to procure a new web site and/or a new domain name at a cost of up to \$300. Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously: To authorize the Chair to sign the agreement between CRVFCC and CRWC. The Chair signed the agreement at the end of the meeting. Pat LaMountain was asked to update the contact list and include on it data for herself and for Chelsea Gwyther. All Commission members present updated their info. This list will be sent out to all Commissioners with the Minutes of this meeting. It was announced that the Deerfield phone will be cancelled as of July 1. The email address remains as it has been [CRVFCC@crocker.com](mailto:CRVFCC@crocker.com). The phone will be Pat LaMountain's extension at CRWC: 413-772-2020 X 203. On a second note, the web site was retrieved to the ownership of CRVFCC and is up and running for another year at the same address: [www.crvfcc.org](http://www.crvfcc.org). Mike Misslin believes new Massachusetts members will be appointed soon. Mike Misslin reported that the Massachusetts support money had been paid electronically in November 2009. Pat LaMountain will research the bank accounts and find the payment or cancel it and have it reissued. CRWC presented an invoice for \$1570.46 for all administration transition work to date (prior to the agreement). Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously: To accept CRWC's invoice and authorize the Chair to pay it. In the process of clarifying the administrative tasks, Pat LaMountain has created a calendar of activity for CRVFCC. This will also be mailed to all commissioners with the June 25 minutes. Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously: To authorize the Chair to purchase an Insurance policy that covers the Commissioners, the officers, and the Commission's relationship with CRWC.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am to go to Fitzwilly's for a retirement commemoration dinner honoring Polly Smiarowski, Secretary of the Commission for twenty-eight years.

*The foregoing is a summary of the Minutes of meetings held during 2009-2010. They are available for inspection.*

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**2009 TAX LOSSES AND REPAYMENTS**

<u>MASSACHUSETTS</u>	<u>VALUATION BASIS</u>	<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>TAX LOSS</u>
<u>Knightville</u>			
Chesterfield	\$ 16,670.00	\$13.89	\$ 250.00
Huntington	238,190.00	13.17	4,990.00
<u>Littleville</u>			
Chester	487,480.00	16.33	9,618.00
Huntington	29,360.00	13.17	615.00
<u>Birch Hill</u>			
Phillipston	110.00	11.37	1.00
Royalston	38,200.00	8.51	382.00
Templeton	694,670.00	10.20	7,433.00
Winchendon	323,620.00	12.13	6,919.00
<u>Tully</u>			
Athol	7,900.00	11.47	77.00
Royalston	180,000.00	8.51	<u>1,800.00</u>
<u>Barre Falls</u>			
All state land – no tax losses			
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$32,085.00</b>
<u>NEW HAMPSHIRE</u>			
<u>Otter Brook</u>			
Keene	\$115,090.00	\$28.80	\$3,166.00
Roxbury	26,740.00	22.88	758.00
<u>Surry Mountain</u>			
Surry	238,190.00	19.89	<u>7,765.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$11,689.00</b>

The figures included with this report voted and approved by the Connecticut River Valley Flood Control Commission at its quarterly meeting, December 4, 2009.



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**2009 TAX LOSSES AND REPAYMENTS**

<u>VERMONT</u>	<u>VALUATION BASIS</u>	<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>TAX LOSS</u>
<u>Union Village</u>			
Norwich	\$3,590.00	\$19.52	\$78.00
Thetford	203,380.00	21.95	3,675.00
<u>North Hartland</u>			
Hartland	110,140.00	17.33	2,324.00
Hartford	328,470.00	19.85	7,292.00
<u>North Springfield</u>			
Springfield	32,880.00	24.50	960.00
Weathersfield	554,510.00	21.60	10,092.00
Perkinsville	11,760.00	03.30	10.00
<u>Townshend</u>			
Jamaica	42,420.00	15.49	1,756.00
Townshend	204,780.00	17.55	5,656.00
<u>Ball Mountain</u>			
Jamaica	12,460.00	15.49	516.00
Londonderry	176,020.00	16.54	<u>2,341.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$34,700.00</b>

**REIMBURSEMENT FOR TAX LOSSES**

<u>CONNECTICUT PAYMENTS IN REIMBURSEMENT</u>			
	<u>TAX LOSS</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PAYMENT</u>
TO: Massachusetts	\$32,085.00	40	\$12,834.00
New Hampshire	11,689.00	40	4,676.00
Vermont	34,700.00	40	<u>13,880.00</u>
<b>TOTAL OF PAYMENTS TO BE MADE BY CT</b>			<b>\$31,390.00</b>

<u>MASSACHUSETTS PAYMENTS IN REIMBURSEMENT</u>			
TO: New Hampshire	\$11,689.00	50	\$5,845.00
Vermont	34,700.00	50	<u>\$17,350.00</u>
<b>TOTAL OF PAYMENTS TO BE MADE BY MA</b>			<b>\$23,195.00</b>

**Connecticut River Valley Flood Control Commission**  
**Income & Expense Budget Overview**  
 July 2010 through June 2011

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	Budget Forecast Jul '10 - Jun '11	Budget Jul '09 -June '10	Actual Jul '09 -June '10
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Total 44500 · State support payments	19,500.00	20,810.00	19,500.00
Total 45000 · Investments	500.00	2,000.00	661.85
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>22,810.00</b>	<b>20,161.85</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Total 62100 · Contract Services	15,000.00		1,570.46
66000 · Payroll Expenses, including taxes		15,184.78	15,416.10
Total 62800 · Facilities Rent and Equipment	100.00	500.00	555.00
65000 · Operations			
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	100.00	125.00	90.73
65030 · Printing and Copying	80.00	100.00	76.85
65040 · Supplies	470.00	90.00	456.12
65050 · Telephone, Telecommunications	200.00	875.00	950.63
Total 65000 · Operations	850.00	1,190.00	1,574.33
65100 · Other Expenses			
65120 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	500.00	636.00	390.00
65160 · Other Costs	60.00	125.00	59.95
Total 65100 · Other Expenses	560.00	761.00	449.95
68300 · Travel and Meetings			
68310 · Conference, Convention, Meeting	400.00	200.00	366.90
68320 · Travel	3,000.00	2,300.00	2,974.60
Total 68300 · Travel and Meetings	3,400.00	2,500.00	3,341.50
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>19,910.00</b>	<b>20,135.78</b>	<b>22,907.34</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>90.00</b>	<b>2,674.22</b>	<b>(2,745.49)</b>

The CD of \$40,745.35 was transferred from Greenfield Savings Bank to Bank of America on May 11, 2010.  
 The CD of \$7,164.30 was added to the funds at Bank of America.  
 \$8.10 was interest paid for the month of May

Beginning Balance for the BUSINESS INTEREST MAXIMIZER AS OF May 1, 2010	20,048.19	
ADD THE CD FROM GREENFIELD SAVINGS BANK	40,745.35	#
ADD THE CD FROM BANK OF AMERICA	7,164.30	#
ADD INTEREST FOR THE MONTH OF MAY & JUNE	19.27	
Reconciled Ending Balance - June 30, 2010		67,977.11
Reconciled Ending Balance Cleared transactions: as of June 30, 2010		5,685.65
Uncleared transactions June 30, 2010		2,231.36
Reconciled Ending Balance Net uncleared transactions: as of June 30, 2010		3,454.29
Payables as of June 30, 2010		(1,175.35)
Receivables as of June 30, 2010		585.00
Reconciled Ending Balance Net uncleared transactions and payables: as of June 30, 2010		2,863.94
Accounts Receivable 6/30/2010 (State of Massachusetts: paid 7/2010)		7,500.00
Adjusted cash on hand after Massachusetts support payment - checking account		10,363.94
Total adjusted cash available as of June 30, 2010		78,341.05

Support money is received as follows:

Vermont	\$2,500.00
New Hampshire	\$2,000.00
Massachusetts	\$7,500.00
Connecticut	\$7,500.00

In addition to its annual payment of \$7500, the State of Massachusetts, as in "in kind" payment, supports the Commission by providing a meeting site and record storage space.