

PURSUANT TO NOTICE, THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION was held at the Connecticut River Watershed Council conference room at 15 Bank Row in Greenfield, MA on September 9, 2016.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Connecticut	Commissioner Denise Ruzicka Commissioner Jason Bowsza (proxy) Commissioner Richard Sherman
Massachusetts	Commissioner Mike Misslin Commissioner Carl Gustafson (proxy)
New Hampshire	Commissioner Robert Kline Commissioner Robert Grimley (absent) Commissioner Linda Tanner
Vermont	Commissioner Evan Hammond Commissioner Gary Moore Commissioner Timothy O'Connor

Also attending:

Angela Mrozinski – Administrator for the Commission, Barbara Ruhe (Wethersfield, CT), Bob DeSiervo (Townshend, VT)

1. Gary Moore, Chairman, called the meeting to order.
2. Public Comment – Angela reviewed correspondence from Linda Hutchins and NH Executive Council.
3. Old Business
 - a. Typo noted in June minutes. Evan Hammond moved to accept the June 17, 2016 minutes with correction, second by Denise Ruzicka. Motion passed.
 - b. MA: No action yet. Denise will send letter urging prompt appointments to governor and appointment secretary, focus on long term appointment for Mike & Carl. NH: No word from governor's office about new appointment to replace Robert Grimley. Statute says commissioners serve until replaced. VT & CT: All set.
 - c. Commissioners reviewed and commented on the draft re-written by-laws. Angela will finalize, post online, circulate to commissioners, send to Secretaries of State, Governors, and others as needed. Evan Hammond moved to accept the by-laws with discussed edits, second by Richard Sherman. Motion passed.
 - d. Tim O'Connor updated commission on status of VT administrative payment. \$500 additional funds have been secured.
 - e. Tim delivered a letter to Senators Sanders & Leahy and Rep. Welch. Discussed getting Mike & Carl involved on the committee tasked with finding a solution. This process got lost in election duties. Mike & Carl waiting to hear who to talk with. Tim will get back in touch to encourage funds/action at government level. Discussion about sending an annual letter to Army Corps about the issue & create a document trail of the issue & concerns. Bob DiSiervo hoping that this commission can be the central place to convene all parties. We acknowledge our role but note that Army Corps is responsible for maintenance/operation and coordinating with state and municipality. This is a good location for study of how to solve the problem of bottom release & sedimentation, with results applicable across the country. Congressmen need to urge Army Corps to work with expertise

on this commission and in state departments. The process we discover to achieve this work could be a model. The commission will not respond to the email correspondence from Townshend, VT select board secretary. Tim will communicate more with local officials about our efforts in this process. Mike, Carl & Denise will draft a letter to Army Corps to review at December meeting.

- f. Review of final 2015-2016 budget. No questions or concerns.
4. New Business
 - a. CRWC invoice paid via standing motion.
 - b. Other New Business – Linda contacted NH Dept. of Revenue re: tax loss payments. State feels tax loss payments are underfunded by this commission. Angela will share recent response to Weathersfield, VT with Linda re: this issue.
5. Public Comment:
 - a. Linda Hutchins at GZA in Chicago.
 - b. Recognition of Barbara Ruhe's service on the Commission.
6. Robert Kline moved to adjourn, second by Tim O'Connor. Meeting adjourn.