PURSUANT TO NOTICE, THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSSION was held at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Townshend Lake Office, 3845 VT Rte. 30, Townshend, VT on June 22, 2018.

## **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

**Connecticut** Commissioner Denise Ruzicka

Commissioner Jason Bowsza
Commissioner Richard Sherman

Massachusetts Commissioner Mike Misslin

Commissioner Carl Gustafson (proxy)

**New Hampshire** Commissioner Robert Kline

Commissioner Linda Tanner (proxy)

Commissioner Paul Berch

**Vermont** Commissioner Evan Hammond

Commissioner Gary Moore

Also attending:

Angela Chaffee – Administrator for the Commission, Dale Berkness of USACOE, Barbara Sherman.

1. Denise Ruzicka, Chair, called the meeting to order.

2. Public Comment – Denise thanked Dale and Army Corps for hosting us. Welcome to new commissioner Paul Berch of New Hampshire.

## 3. Old Business

- a. Commission reviewed December 1, 2017 meeting minutes and March meeting notes. Evan Hammond move to approve December minutes, second by Mike Misslin. Paul Berch and Jason Bowsza abstain. Motion passed.
- b. CT: All set. Denise Ruzicka has been reappointed. NH: Paul Berch joins us as new Commissioner. MA: Denise called the appointment secretary and letter was sent after March meeting. Carl still needs official appointment. Names have been suggested. VT: Gary Moore has called the governor about making an appointment.
- c. All states have paid their annual administrative support payments. 2018-19 invoices will be sent soon, in the first quarter of the fiscal year. No update on request to increase New Hampshire's administrative payment from \$2,000 to \$2,500.
- d. The swim area at Townshend Dam was dredged in 2012 or 2013, again last summer, and will be needed again in the future. Letter was sent after the March meeting to USACOE in Concord, no response. Senators Sanders and Warren sent generic responses to our previous letter to Connecticut River delegates. Mike and Carl are reviewing the recent study. Infrastructure bill is not yet in legislative committee. Need to urge Congress to designate funds for dam maintenance. This Commission will revisit sending follow-up letters after the upcoming election.

## 4. New Business

- a. Jason moved to pay the CRC invoice, second by Evan. Motion passed.
- b. Commission reviewed the proposed FY2018-19 budget. Gary moved to accept, second by Jason. Motion passed.

- c. Other New Business Denise suggests all Commissioners read the recent Connecticut River Flow Restoration Study (62pgs) or the Executive Summary (8pgs). We will discuss it in September. Mike and Carl would like to work with Army Corps on additional studies reviewing sediment buildup and bottom vs. mid-level releases.
- 5. Public Comment Angela mentioned Connecticut River Conservancy's recent fundraising appeal and distributed CRC newsletters.
- 6. Meeting adjourn.