

PURSUANT TO NOTICE, THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION was held at the Connecticut River Conservancy office, 15 Bank Row, Greenfield, MA on September 20, 2019.

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 (phone) Commissioner Linda Tanner Commissioner Paul Berch (proxy)
Vermont	Commissioner Evan Hammond Commissioner Gary Moore Commissioner Brian Ames (proxy)

Also attending:

Angela Chaffee – Administrator for the Commission, Barbara Sherman.

1. Denise Ruzicka, Chair, called the meeting to order, 9:32am.
2. Public Comment – none
3. Old Business
 - a. Commission reviewed June 14, 2019 meeting minutes. Gary Moore moved to approve June minutes, second by Mike Misslin. Motion passed.
 - b. Commissioner vacancies & appointments:
 - i. MA: Rob Lowell's appointment has moved to the governor for signature.
 - ii. CT: Jason Bowsza expired June 30. No word about reappointment.
 - iii. NH: Linda Tanner is up reappointment, serves until reappointed.
 - iv. VT: All set.
 - c. VT has paid their annual administrative payment in full and NH has paid \$500 with remainder to be paid when budget is passed. NH's Continuing Resolution ends next week. Still waiting on MA & CT. Discussion of increasing New Hampshire's administrative payment from \$2,000 to \$2,500 is on hold. Linda will be pursuing this with the governor's office.
 - d. Commission discussed our standard tax loss process, background of how we've handled with VT in the past, and how to respond to NH Dept. of Revenue Administration. Linda explained the figures in the letter are based on local property taxes, which are rising. The past CRVFCC equation was complicated and was difficult to find something equitable across all towns and states. Page 10 of our Compact explains a historic baseline and says Commission "may" use the tax rate but isn't obligated to, despite local municipalities' expectation of using current tax rate. Thames River (MA & CT) has also frozen their payments. All states have received benefits of recreation value and loss avoided due to flood control. This land is federally owned; other federal lands pay little or no taxes or PILOT payments. Our understanding is that NH is paying full payments to the towns based on their own equation and making up the difference from what the state get reimbursed. Linda will explore how the state calculates the town reimbursements and what the state policy or law is about this. Commission will

continue to discuss this and explore historical valuations. Denise will connect with the CT State Archivist to look into our records. Mike will connect with the Army Corps to get land payment information from their records.

- e. Mike will connect with Carl Gustafson re: dam sedimentation issue and connecting NRCS with VT ANR.
 - f. Administrator reviewed final FY2019-2020 budget expenses. Will send to Commissioners.
4. New Business
- a. CRC's invoice paid via standing motion.
 - b. Review standing motions – amend #2 to clarify that it is per budget year. Gary Moore moved to add budget year clarification, Linda Tanner second, motion passed. Review document retention policy – add date of update to footer.
 - c. Report from Nominating Committee recommends Mike Misslin for Chair and Evan Hammond for Vice Chair. Both accept the nominations. Gary Moore moved to approve the slate as recommended by nominating committee, Linda Tanner second, motion passed.
 - d. Other New Business
 - i. Denise discussed our process of archiving CRVFCC records and her discussion with the CT State Archives of how often we should be moving our records there. Denise and administrator have some records that should be transferred which Denise will take care of.
 - ii. Evan noted that the old VT Senate resolution shared as part of the tax loss discussion was never adopted.
5. Public Comment – none
6. Meeting adjourn, 10:48am