

PURSUANT TO NOTICE, THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION was held remotely via Zoom on September 18, 2020.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

<b>Connecticut</b>	Commissioner Denise Ruzicka Commissioner Jason Bowsza Commissioner Richard Sherman
<b>Massachusetts</b>	Commissioner Mike Misslin Commissioner Carl Gustafson
<b>New Hampshire</b>	Commissioner Robert Kline Commissioner Linda Tanner (proxy) Commissioner Paul Berch
<b>Vermont</b>	Commissioner Evan Hammond Commissioner Gary Moore Commissioner Brian Ames (proxy)

Also attending:

Angela Chaffee – Administrator for the Commission

1. Michael Misslin, Chair, called the meeting to order, 9:44am.
2. Public Comment – none
3. Old Business
  - a. Commission reviewed June 19, 2020 meeting minutes. Paul Berch moved to approve June minutes, second by Evan Hammond. Motion passed.
  - b. Commissioner vacancies & appointments:
    - i. MA: Carl Gustafson & Mike Misslin not yet appointed. Still waiting on 3<sup>rd</sup> appointment, nomination has been submitted and just waiting on governor approval. Low governor priority & need action of legislature. No one is meeting right now.
    - ii. CT: Jason Bowsza expired. Reappointment requires legislative action and legislature reconvenes in Jan/Feb.
    - iii. NH: Linda Tanner and Paul Berch are up for reappointment, serve until reappointed. Low priority for governor.
    - iv. VT: All set.
  - c. All states have been invoiced for their annual administrative payment; no payments received yet. Discussion of increasing New Hampshire's administrative payment from \$2,000 to \$2,500 is on hold. 2021 is budget year, Linda & Paul will work with finance folks to work on it.
  - d. Commission continues to analyze information re: tax loss payments and concerns raised by NH DOR. Mike continues to work on getting information about initial land values from Army Corps, but given current pandemic no one is meeting and most are working remotely without access to historic records. Commission will draft letter to NH DOR with an update.
  - e. Mike reported on 7/31 meeting with Margo Ghia (Windham Regional Commission), Kathy Urffer (CT River Conservancy), Shannon Pytlik (VT DEC), Marie Caduto (VT DEC), David Deen (Trout Unlimited), Mike Misslin & Gary Moore (CRVFCC) re: sedimentation at Ball Mtn & Townshend Dams. VT DEC & Windham Regional Commission pulling together partners for a team effort to deal with sedimentation issues and potential solutions. Stream Geomorphic

Assessment (SGA) of West River has been partially completed. SGA is needed to apply for funding for projects that could remedy the sedimentation issues. This group is coordinating a study of tributaries and some issues have already been identified by the state, such as eroding dirt roads in national forests (US Forest Service already looking into solutions). Marie is creating a list of tributaries to look at more closely, CRC looking at floodplain projects, Margo organizing watershed tour to ID critical areas causing sedimentation and potential projects. Looking at potential FEMA and VT Community Foundation funds, ERP round for next year. NRCS doesn't work on federal lands and may need political pressure to get involved. Commission will draft letter in support of this work and appropriate funding.

- f. Administrator reviewed final 2019-20 expenses. All looks good.
4. New Business
  - a. Jason Bowsza moved to pay CRC's invoice, second by Paul Berch. Motion passed.
  - b. Review standing motions & document retention policy. All look good.
  - c. Other New Business: Next meeting December 11 via zoom
5. Public Comment – none.
6. Motion to adjourn meeting adjourn at 10:28am by Gary Moore, second by Evan Hammond. Motion passed.