

PURSUANT TO NOTICE, THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION was held remotely via Zoom on June 18, 2021.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Connecticut Commissioner Denise Ruzicka
Commissioner Jason Bowsza (proxy)
Commissioner Richard Sherman

Massachusetts Commissioner Mike Misslin
Commissioner Carl Gustafson

New Hampshire Commissioner Robert Kline
~~Commissioner Linda Tanner~~ (absent)
Commissioner Paul Berch

Vermont 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, 9:31am.
2. Public Comment – none
3. Old Business
 - a. Commission reviewed December 11, 2020 meeting minutes. Paul Berch moved to approve December minutes, second by Richard Sherman. Motion passed.
 - b. Commissioner vacancies & appointments:
 - i. MA: Secretary is working on it.
 - ii. CT: no change
 - iii. NH: no change
 - iv. VT: Brian Ames is looking for a new appointee to replace him.
 - c. All states have paid 2020-2021 invoices for their annual administrative payment. Discussion of increasing New Hampshire’s administrative payment from \$2,000 to \$2,500 is on hold.
Mike Misslin continues to work on getting PILOT (tax loss) payments made from MA to VT.
 - d. Upper West River will be getting SGA, proposal deadline was 6/11/21. This assessment will reveal problem areas and develop projects to address the upstream erosion and sedimentation issues at Townshend Dam. Commission can write letters of support if needed. Angela will send an update to local officials that met with us years ago on this issue, so they know things continue to move forward.
 - e. Corps is still remote, Mike still pursuing land value & flood protection amounts (savings due to damage avoided). NH Dept. of Revenue Administration sent another letter in March about insufficient tax loss payments. Commission feels it is unlikely other states will be on board with spending more.
4. New Business
 - a. CRC’s invoice paid via standing motion.
 - b. Review draft 2021-22 budget. Evan Hammond moved to approve as presented, second by Denise Ruzicka. Motion passed.
 - c. Set up nominating & audit committees.

- i. Carl Gustafson & Paul will be on Nominating Committee (CT for chair, VT for Vice-Chair).
 - ii. Mike & Evan will be on Audit Committee.
 - d. Other New Business:
 - i. Ready to meet in person? Discussion of a dam tour in September if possible or meet in Greenfield, possibly see NRCS dam upgrades in Westfield.
- 5. Public Comment – none.
- 6. Meeting adjourn at 10:06am