

PURSUANT TO NOTICE, THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION was held at the Knightville Dam in Huntington, MA on September 17, 2021.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

Also attending:

Angela Chaffee – Administrator for the Commission, Colin Monkiewicz – Army Corps, Keith Goulet – Army Corps.

1. Michael Misslin, Chair, called the meeting to order, 10:15am.
2. Public Comment – none
3. Old Business
 - a. Commission reviewed June 18, 2021 meeting minutes. Gary Moore moved to approve June minutes, second by Jason Bowsza. Motion passed.
 - b. Commissioner vacancies & appointments:
 - i. MA: Still working on appointments, Carl is looking for a replacement, 3rd nominee is with the secretary but hasn't been to the governor yet.
 - ii. CT: Jason needs reappointment, Denise is looking for a replacement – an active agency person
 - iii. NH: Governor not making appts, Linda & Bob looking for a replacement
 - iv. VT: Brian Ames is looking for a new appointee to replace him.
 - c. VT has paid 2021-2022 invoices for their annual administrative payment. Denise will call CT. Mike will call MA. 2nd quarter is typical time when payments are made in MA & CT. Discussion of increasing New Hampshire's administrative payment from \$2,000 to \$2,500 is on hold. Denise will draft a letter to NH re: admin payment increase.
 - d. 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. Discussion of periodic reassessment based on land value and flood protection value. Corps in Concord is back in office but will be going more remote again soon. Mike still pursuing land value and flood protection savings due to damage avoided. Commission will look into sending a letter noting that we continue to discuss and share history of this issue, to be sent to governor, DES, and DORA.
 - e. Our letters helped bring attention to the sedimentation issue at Townsend Dam and erosion of the upper West River. No updates on the proposals for Stream Geomorphic Assessment work. Mike will inquire with Margo at Windham Regional Commission for an update.

- f. Review final FY 20-21 expenses
- 4. New Business
 - a. CRC's invoice: Jason Bowsza move to issue payment, second by Gary Moore, motion passed.
 - b. Review standing motions – working well – and document retention policy. CT state archives will accept our files whenever works for us. MA sends down files whenever they are found. System works very well. Denise Ruzicka move to maintain status quo of both, second by Gary Moore, motion passed.
 - c. Nominating committee proposes Denise Ruzicka for Chair, Gary Moore for Vice-Chair (replacing Michael Misslin as Chair and Evan Hammond as Vice Chair, Andrew Fisk, CRC director will remain a signer on the account). Jason Bowsza moved to accept nominations as presented, second by Linda Tanner. Motion passed.
 - d. Other New Business: December mtg plans – Tentatively plan to meet in Greenfield on 12/10 unless Covid changes in the meantime. Afterward, do the audit and go to bank for new commissioners to do signature card.
- 5. Public Comment – none.
- 6. Meeting adjourn at 11:11am