

Connecticut River Valley Flood Control Commission

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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 December 6, 2023.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Connecticut	Commissioner Denise Ruzicka (proxy) Commissioner Jason Bowsza (absent) Commissioner Richard Sherman (phone)
Massachusetts	Commissioner Mike Misslin Commissioner Carl Gustafson (proxy) Commissioner Robert Lowell
New Hampshire	Commissioner Paul Berch Commissioner Antonio Ortiz (phone) Commissioner Cathryn Harvey (proxy)
Vermont	Commissioner Evan Hammond (phone) Commissioner Gary Moore Commissioner John Arrison

Also attending: Angela Chaffee – Administrator for the Commission

1. Gary Moore, Chair, called the meeting to order, 9:35 am.
2. Public Comment –
3. Old Business
 - a. Commission reviewed September 13 meeting minutes. Paul Berch moved to approve meeting minutes, second by John Arrison. Motion passed.
 - b. Commissioner vacancies & appointments:
 - i. MA: Serve until someone is reappointed. Carl is looking for someone to replace him, possibly someone from the river valley with NRCS experience. Mike will write to the governor requesting that their recommended candidates be formally appointed. Rob is still waiting for acceptance.
 - ii. CT: Serve until someone is reappointed. Two are up for reappointment. Denise got a call from CT DEEP and they are working on having someone from the agency join the Commission.
 - iii. NH: All set.
 - iv. VT: All set.
 - c. All four states have been invoiced for their 2023-2024 annual administrative payment. NH, VT, and MA have paid. In September, Denise said she would call

CT to check on payment. Angela has followed up with Denise and waits for an update.

- d. Fitzgerald Environmental Associate continues work on the upper West River Stream Geomorphic Assessment (SGA). The SGA will eventually open up funding for projects to solve sedimentation issues at Townsend Dam. The contract end date has been extended to April 1, 2024. We have requested a copy of the final report. No further updates at this time but keep it on our agenda as an ongoing issue to track.
4. New Business
 - a. CRC's invoice: Paid via standing motion.
 - b. Review 2023 Tax Loss report. John asks us to revisit this to adjust payments. Discussion of sending letter to the four governors (copy to finance directors) to review this issue in order that the tax loss payments may reflect current day rates. Paul Berch moved to approve report as written with addition of letter to governors and finance staff, second by Mike Misslin. Motion passed.
 - c. Review 2022-2023 Annual Report. John Arrison moved to approve report, second by Paul Berch. Motion passed.
 - d. Set 2024 meeting schedule: March 6, June 12, September 18, December 11. Discussion of June field trip, Mike will look into visiting North Springfield, VT. Prefer to meet virtually rather than cancel in March to maintain consistency and continuity.
 - e. Other New Business: none
 5. Public Comment – none.
 6. Motion to adjourn by Paul, second by Mike. Meeting adjourn at 10:08am.