

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 September 18, 2024.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

Also attending: Angela Chaffee – Administrator for the Commission; Ramona Goode – CT Dept. of Energy & Environmental Protection; Nina Gordon-Kirsch – Connecticut River Conservancy; Barbara Sherman.

1. Gary Moore, Chair, called the meeting to order, 9:33 am.
2. Public Comment – Nina Gordon-Kirsch introduced herself as CRC's River Steward in MA and discussed concerns about recent flooding.
3. Old Business
 - a. Commission reviewed June 12 meeting minutes. Paul Berch moved to approve meeting minutes, second by Evan Hammond. Motion passed.
 - b. Commissioner vacancies & appointments:
 - i. MA: No updates
 - ii. CT: Ramona Goode & Graham Stevens' names (CT DEEP) have been put forward and Denise is still working to move them toward appointment.
 - iii. NH: All set.
 - iv. VT: All Set.
 - c. States of NH, VT & MA have paid their invoices for the 2024-2025 annual administrative payment. We are just waiting on payment from State of CT. Ramona is tracking it.
 - d. Review of final FY 2022-23 expenses.
 - e. The Upper West River SGA (Stream Geomorphic Assessment) work was delayed by the flooding in VT last summer. Fitzgerald Environmental Associates got

pulled into lots of emergency repair and resiliency work so they requested an extension on the SGA. The new schedule plans to have all work completed by September. We will follow up to get a copy of the report. Commissioners requested information about impact of recent floods on sedimentation issues and flood control dam capacity.

- f. Letter to governors about adjusting PILOT payments was sent on February 15, 2024. There has been no response yet from the states. NH will be getting a new governor so action likely won't happen until after the election. Most states pushed it to other departments. Commission will continue to track this. Discussion about the intent of the Compact to pass funds to the towns; VT is the only state that passes payments to the towns.
4. New Business
 - a. CRC's invoice: Paid via standing motion.
 - b. Other New Business – none.
 5. Public Comment – Barbara comments on low river levels, yet powerful force of floods.
 6. Meeting adjourn; motion Paul Berch, second Denise Ruzicka; at 10:08 am.