

DEERFIELD RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes

DATE: **Monday, January 17, 2022** **TIME:** **6:00** pm - 8:00 pm

LOCATION: via Google Meet

	Art Schwenger	X	Chris Bathurst
X	Charlie Olchowski	X	Ryan O'Donnell
	David Boles		Sheila Kelliher
X	Jim Perry	X	Terry Atkinson
X	Chris Curtis	X	Patrick McCoy

Special Guest: Thad Olchowski - potential board member; Jack Widness - VT Representative *Thad is Charlie & Terry's nephew, grew up in Greenfield, went to Dartmouth College, and has always enjoyed the natural beauty, fish, and recreation along the Deerfield River.*

PURPOSE: Regular Monthly Meeting – Please let Jim know if you cannot attend.

LIST OF TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED

--Call to order

--Review past minutes – **December 20, 2021** (Jim Perry) *Approved*

--Identify New Agenda Items not included in this proposed agenda.

Board Member Reports - Potential Open Leadership Positions (Lead?)

- **President/Treasurer & Vice Presidents:** (Jim Perry – Pres., Sheila Kelliher - 1st VP, Chris Curtis – 2nd VP)
 - Upcoming Board Elections: At January meeting.
 - Letter of Support to the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership in search of a **Forest Legacy** designation for NW Mass. - Jim made a proposal to have an email vote so that we could get a draft letter out in final form before its due date. Voting In Favor: Charlie, David, Chris C, Chris B, Jim Motion carries. Jim created and Sheila sent the support letter. (Sheila)
 - Board of Directors Search for Additional Directors: (All)
 - Mail & Email Call: (Jim)
 - CRC Liaison: Latest news. (Ryan)

- **Nominations and Vote for 2022 Officers:** *Slate of officers approved, below.*

Position	2021	2022
President	Jim Perry	Jim Perry
1st Vice President	Sheila Kelliher	Chris Curtis
2nd Vice President	Chris Curtis	Charlie Olchowski
Treasurer	Patrick McCoy	Patrick McCoy
Secretary	Terry Atkinson	Terry Atkinson

- **Nominations and Vote for 2022 Leadership Positions:**

Position	2021	2022
Franklin Rivers Cleanup	David Boles	David Boles, Charlie Olchowski
Wild & Scenic Rivers	Chris Curtis with Charlie and Patrick	Chris Curtis with Charlie Olchowski and Patrick McCoy
MTWP	Sheila Kelliher	Sheila Kelliher
River Planning	Jim Perry	Jim Perry
Website & Email	Patrick McCoy	Patrick McCoy
Newsletters	Jim Perry	Jim Perry
Education	Terry Atkinson	Terry Atkinson
Membership & Community Outreach	Sheila Kelliher with Jim and Ryan	Sheila Kelliher (Instagram) with Jim Perry (Newsletters) and Ryan O'Donnell (Facebook) <i>Need a Membership Lead.</i>
Science	vacant	Still vacant
VT Watershed Liaison	Jack Widness	Jack Widness

Dam Relicensing	vacant	Chris Curtis
Mass Rivers Alliance	Sheila Kelliher	Sheila Kelliher with Chris Curtis
Trail Maintenance		Art Schwenger, with Chris Curtis, Chris Bathurst, Jim Perry

- **2022 Proposed Budget - plan to Vote in February** *A budget will be received from Mallory in time for the February meeting.*

Budget Item	Spent in 2021	2022 Budget
Educational Programs		
Franklin Rivers Cleanup		
Monitoring		
Wild & Scenic Rivers		
Restoration		
General Operations		
Totals		

- **Watershed Projects:**

- Northern Watershed Update - Update on what types or issues and actions are occurring by other organizations in the Vermont end of the watershed. *Jack mentioned that the Green Mountain National Forest is working on a Plan that we may be interested in. Mount Snow needs to develop a plan to remove the snowmaking pond that is no longer used and return it to riparian habitat. TU is having a Zoom meeting on their agreement with Brookfield on the Fife Brook relicensing.* (Jack Widness)
- Franklin County Rivers Source to Sea Cleanup (formerly, The Green River Cleanup) and the Greenfield City Cleanup. – Status Update. (David) *not present*
- Green River Watershed Alliance - Status Update. (Ryan and David) *Has been updating on Facebook*
- Monitoring – Status Update. (Ryan) *Nothing new. Grant for MA & sites for VT submitted. Waiting to hear. Got back VT data and will be compiling*

soon. Email him if you want anything you specifically want to hear or see. Jim cites he likes to see where the problem areas are.

- Creating Resilient Communities (Franklin Conservation District) - Four December Zoom Meetings. Did anyone attend? (Jim) *Charlie hasn't heard anything at all.*
- Wild & Scenic Rivers – Status. Update on community and legislative outreach efforts. Next steps. (Chris, Patrick, & Charlie) *Chris says no updates, hasn't heard anything back yet.*
- Dornbusch/Cromack River Restoration Project – Status Update, if any. Andy mentioned to Jim that they are close to figuring out what our takeaway funding will be from the project. (Charlie & Jim) *Charlie went to Cromack/Dubois property, but no one was there. Will wait until someone is there before going on the property.*
- Regional Restoration Partnerships Program – (Patrick)
 - No recent activity. On standby. *No updates*
- Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership – Status Update. (Sheila) *Not present*
- Trout Unlimited – Updates on what Trout Unlimited has been up to on the Deerfield River. (Sheila) *Per Jim:*
 - *Sheila mentioned to Jim that the local chapter of Trout Unlimited had come to an agreement with Brookfield Power. (Chris Curtis asks what this agreement was about?? Jim suggests it may involve minimum flows during the winter, due to spawning issues.) Sheila does not currently know the details of the agreement, but will learn about them at the upcoming TU chapter meeting. Sheila encourages board members to attend because it will be very informative. Thursday, 1/20 @ 6:30pm*
 - *More information can be found here:*
<https://tu.myeventscenter.com/event/A-New-Beginning-Our-Fight-For-Wild-Trout-And-58780>
 - *Topic: DRWTU Chapter Meeting - Fife Brook Dam FERC Relicensing Process*
 - *Time: Jan 20, 2022 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)*
 - *Join Zoom Meeting*
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87926080059?pwd=UG1XL2JjYzBGU0N0LOZUS3lZR0NQUT09>
 - *Meeting ID: 879 2608 0059*
 - *Passcode: 635372*
- Mass Rivers Alliance - Current issues. (Sheila)
- Mohican-Mohawk Trail – Status. No news.

- Deerfield River Recreation Management Plan – Status. *Nothing new this month from FRCOG on how they will be using their new funding for a river study. (Jim) Nothing new.*
- **Website Maintenance:** (Patrick) Status Google Docs and Teams – (Patrick) *Nothing new*
- **Financial Report:** Review Mallory's Financial Report. (Patrick and Jim)
 - Waiting on final donations for 2021 to be accounted for. *So far we've taken in \$8,224. Very good! (eg. \$2500-3500/year taken in last couple of years)*
 - An End of Year Report will be available in February 2022. *Based on the Cromack project, we may get \$30,000 left over from that grant. There could be additional project issues that come up and need addressing.*
 - CRC filed our tax and nonprofit reports for 2019 and 2020.
 - We received record donations in 2021 (**\$8,224.03** so far, minus CRC's share), plus there will be income from the Cromack River Restoration Project.
 - Necessary audit expenses will likely be a big ticket item. *That suggests that our percentage of donations to CRC should possibly cover the audit expenses? Jim explains that we take in so little in the way of donations, it probably costs CRC more to help manage us, than the cut they receive from our donations.*

Last Updated: January 18, 2022

- **2021** Budget: \$4900.00
- Surplus: \$6,431.24
- Donations/Income: \$8,614.22
- Expenses: \$2,182.98 (Does not include Monitoring cost)
- Net Income: \$6,431.24
- **Secretary:** (Terry) *Just trying to keep up!*
- **[Relicensing]:** (Lead?)
- **Membership & Community Outreach:** (Sheila Kelliher)
 - Thank You Cards – Waiting on the final donation list from CRC for 2021 so that I can send out the remaining **thank you cards** toward the end of this month, or by early February. Jim received a few more names and addresses for 2021, that arrived in 2022, and he sent out thank you cards, but there may be a few more names pending. (Jim)
 - DRWA Instagram Account – (Sheila)
 - Facebook Account – Ryan continues doing a great job of keeping our Facebook page up to date. (Jim) (Ryan) *Nothing new, but we get pretty good engagement for a small group.*

- Newsletters - Report from Corey Kurtz - CRC, "... *the open rates and click rates [27.1% and 31.5%] you guys have for your emails are AWESOME! Organizations typically do not see that level of engagement and that amount of clicks from a mass email, particularly on a busy email day like Giving Tuesday. Something is working well!* (Jim)
- **Education:** (Terry)
 - Mini-Grants – (Terry) *Discussion as to whether we should approach schools now or wait until September. Terry wonders whether we should contact schools in case they want to start a project this spring, or whether the pandemic is just too disruptive this year to make that realistic for teachers to add to their curriculum. Charlie suggests updating school science contacts first and then sending out email to tell them mini-grants are still being offered. Chris C will email Terry science contacts for Frontier Regional School.*
- **[Science]:** (Lead?)

New and Old Business: *Jim invites Thad to let us know if he's interested in joining the board and to keep attending, if he wishes. Thad has to ask his employer's permission to join any outside boards, and Jim thanks him for his employer's matching donations.*

Next meeting: **February 21, 6:00 PM, via Google Meet.**

Assignments & Adjournment: *Adjourned approximately 6:55 p.m.*

Robert's Rules of Order (condensed)

Types of Motions:

Main motion; Substitute motion; Friendly amendments; Call the Question; Motion to table; Motion to reconsider.

How the Motion is Brought Before the Assembly

- A member makes the motion: *I move that (or "to")*
- Another member seconds the motion: *I second the motion*
- The chair states the motion: *It is moved and seconded*

The President puts the motion to a vote

1. The President asks: *Any further discussion?*
2. The President says: *Those in favor, say 'Aye'. (Pause for response.) Those opposed, say 'Nay'. (Pause for response.) Those abstaining, please say 'Aye'.*

The President announces the result of the vote.

1. *The ayes have it, the motion carries, and ...* (indicating the effect of the vote) or
2. *The nays have it and the motion fails.*

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