

**DEERFIELD RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: **Monday, November 21, 2022** **TIME:** **6:00** pm - 8:00 pm

LOCATION: **Google Meet this month.**

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

Special Guests:

Ron Rhodes - *Interim Executive Director at CRC, Formerly Director of Restoration including planting, stream restoration, etc. Understands that CRC owes us some things. Have now hired a finance director. Hopefully, back up to full speed in the next 3 months. Ryan will let us know when it is time to meet with the financial staff. Chris C mentioned getting started on the Wild & Scenic initiative before Federal funding comes in. There may be other projects coming down the line in the next 3 years. CRC may become the project manager for the Snow Lake dam removal project.*

Jack Widness - VT Representative

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

LIST OF TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED

--Call to order

--Review past minutes – **October 17, 2022** Minutes approved with two minor modifications. (Jim Perry)

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

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

- **President & Vice Presidents:** (Jim Perry – President; Chris Curtis – 1st VP; Charlie Olchowski 2nd VP)
 - **NEWS:**

- We were awarded a \$1,250 (\$1,000 net) grant from the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts for Climate Change work. *(Any special projects we should apply our share to?)* Anything we can do to promote recycling. Possibly mini-grants (Terry). Deerfield has a plan for healthy soils. Anything we can do to promote healthy soils. The Plan has recommendations. Deerfield could be a model. Chris could come up with some details at the next meeting (Chris C). Fund student activities or Scholarships under our name (Chris B). Board members should bring proposals forward for the next meeting.
 - Jim Perry and Kelsey Wentling, (replacing Andrea Donlon as the CRC Massachusetts River Steward) **toured the Deerfield River on Nov. 1**
 - After Board review, filed a Comment letter with MassDEP in support of the New Proposed Revisions to the **Water Management Program Regulations** (310 CMR 36.00) and with the attached additional comments.
 - Prepared a monitoring grant **commitment letter** for Ryan.
 - After **Andy Fisk** met with us last month, donated over a thousand dollars.
 - **Ron Rhodes**, the new Acting Director also made a substantial donation. Ron would like to meet with Jim and Patrick to see what remains to be done in regard to finances and the full Board after things get settled a bit.
- DRWA Board of Directors Search for Additional Directors: (All) Mike Vito, TU, ex-president? *See if Ron has any additional suggestions of potential members.
- Mail & Email Call: Do we have any? (Jim)
- CRC Liaison: Latest news. (Ryan) *Ron is onboard. An opportunity for better communications. Diana will be the new Communications Director.*
- **Watershed Projects**:
 - Northern Watershed Update - Update on what types or issues and actions are occurring in the Vermont end of the Deerfield River watershed. (Jack Widness) *North Branch of Deerfield at Snow Lake. There was a State site visit. They will be taking testimony on the Master Plan. There will be a drop dead date to get the project completed. TU plans fisheries projects on the river.*
 - Franklin County Rivers Source to Sea Cleanup (formerly, The Green River Cleanup) and the Greenfield City Cleanup. – Status Update. (David Boles, Charlie Olchowski) *Different ideas were discussed for spending the money beyond our expenses.*
 - **\$2950** in donations tied to the Franklin County Rivers Cleanup, **plus many vendors donated goods!** Great work, David!
 - Key Donors of **Cash**:
 - Greenfield Savings Bank \$2,500
 - Greenfield Cooperative Bank \$250

- Macklin Construction \$100
 - Animal Crackers \$50
 - Richard and Susan Flye \$50
 - Also, as previously mentioned, Trout Unlimited did their own Deerfield River cleanup.
- Green River Watershed Alliance - Status Update. (Ryan O'Donnell and David Boles)
 - *The Green River Watershed Alliance mailed out 500 letters and brochures to Vermont watershed residents. The letters contained a number of hikes and informational events held last summer and this fall. **November 30, at 12:00** there will be a Zoom meeting to discuss bi-state cooperation on the Green River Watershed. The hope is that we will help with mailing out letters and brochures to Massachusetts residents this coming year and host hikes and events in the watershed. There are about 18,500 residents on the Massachusetts side of the Green River watershed; 2,530 outside of Greenfield. (Jim mailed paper copies to Board members)*
 - *I noticed that in 2020, the Windham Regional Commission donated \$5000 to us.*
- Monitoring – Status Update and discuss invoicing process. (Ryan O'Donnell) *Would like to monitor nitrogen in addition to bacteria and purchase necessary equipment. Might partner with TU to do continuous monitoring. Such as conductivity monitoring. 2021 Report on To Do List.*
- Wild & Scenic Rivers – Status. Next steps. (Chris Curtis with Charlie Olchowski and Patrick McCoy) *Reached out to Markey and McGovern's staff. How to keep the momentum going with the new Congress? How do we start the study without Federal funding? What would meet NPS standards so we are not just doing it on our own? Local study presented to the Park Service is another option. It is the State Initiated approach. We could apply for grants. \$220,000 is typical when going the Park Service route. Patrick is willing to help if we go the state initiated route.*
- Woodlands Partnership of Northwest MA – Status Update. (Sheila Kelliher)
 - **Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership** is now called the **Woodlands Partnership of Northwest MA**
 - **VOTE:** Re-appoint Sheila to the Woodlands Partnership of Northwest MA and send a letter of the appointment or meeting minute confirming that to the Partnership. (Sophie Argetsinger, Assistant to the Administrative Agent, Woodlands Partnership of Northwest MA, New England Forestry Foundation, sargetsinger@newenglandforestry.org) **Move**

to reappoint Sheila Kelligher as the Deerfield River Watershed Association Representative to . Second. Those in favor: All

- Trout Unlimited – Updates on what Trout Unlimited has been up to on the Deerfield River. (Sheila Kelliher)
- Mass Rivers Alliance - Current issues. (Sheila Kelliher)
- Trail Maintenance – Status. (Art Schwenger, with Chris Curtis, Chris Bathurst, Jim Perry) *Chris C hiked the Bardwell's Ferry to Wilcox Hollow. Looked at an alternative route. Under the RR bridge. Next step, to make contact with the RailRoad. CSX? Might be worth approaching the Goulds.*
- Deerfield River Recreation Management Plan – Status. (Jim Perry)
 - Deerfield River Outdoor Recreation Study group meeting has been delayed to ???
- **Website Maintenance, Google Docs, Email System:** (Patrick McCoy) Status - *January to tonight 11,265 visits on website. 9,300 unique visitors.*
- **Financial Report:** Review Mallory's Financial Report. (Patrick)
 - **Last Updated: July 18, 2022 by Jim to include Monitoring expenses**
 - **2021** Budget: \$4900.00
 - Surplus: \$4479.24
 - Donations/Income: \$8,614.22
 - Expenses: \$4,134.98 (**Now includes** Monitoring cost)
 - 07/18/2021 Jim approved 2021 water monitoring expenses of \$1,952.00
 - Net Income: \$4,479.24
- **Secretary:** (Terry)
- **Relicensing:** (Chris Curtis)
- **Membership & Community Outreach:** (**Overall Lead?**) (Sheila Kelliher (Instagram) with Jim Perry (Newsletters) and Ryan O'Donnell (Facebook))
 - DRWA Instagram Account – (Sheila)
 - Facebook Account – (Ryan)
 - Newsletters - (Jim)
 - The Fall Appeal letter has been finalized and ready to send out.
 - **Draft articles for e-news newsletter. Were sent to the Board for review. Article edits are requested. Draft Text and Photos to Nicole Reigleby Dec. 9th.**
- **Education:** (Terry Atkinson)
 - Education Outreach:
 - Mini-Grants – *Mohawk Trail Regional School \$250 for recycling bins. Vote on it next month. Alia Woofenden*
- **[Science]:** (**Lead?**)

New and Old Business:

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Next meeting: December 19, 2022, 6:00 PM
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Assignments & Adjournment:

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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.*

HOST Initiating Google Meet

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2. Once logged in Google as DRWA, click the Google Meet link and join the meeting.
3. Once in the meeting, you'll get a pop-up window asking you to grant access to each attendee looking to join.