

**Connecticut River Watershed Farmers Alliance Board Meeting**  
**1pm-3pm November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the WRJ USDA Service Center**

Board present: Paul Doton, Steve Stocking, Walt Gladstone, Bill Emmons, Ed MacGlaflin, Katherine Adams, Beth Kennet, Linda Corse, Amy Richardson  
WRNRCD Representative: Marina Welch, taking minutes  
UVM Ext. Representative: Dan Hudson  
Members: Larry Scott  
Public: Jenny Nelson

*Welcome at 1:10pm*

**General Board Discussion**

October meeting minutes approved.

Approval of new members: Guy Crosby-Clay Hill Farm (accepted)  
27 members now

Citizens Bank resolution form-will be submitted to the bank by Paul Doton. Signed. Accepted.

**Update on Grant Application**

Organizational development proposal to the Agency of Ag CWIP. Awaiting a reply in late December.

**Website Update**

People can register online and pay dues. Thor Hanson can go online this afternoon to get bank information to pay on the website. He's taking the membership and putting it on the website. Three member categories online (talking about putting up a fourth category for honorary, officary, partners, etc.-this is bestowed on someone not self listed). Can list areas of agriculture interest for each member, but not listing individual acreage etc. for public viewing. Marina will update the website.  
Content: updates, pictures, links to other resources, meeting agenda ahead of time  
[www.crwfa.org](http://www.crwfa.org)

**Action:** each board member write up a short bio and send to Marina, decide for an opt out option for members to be listed on the website, create a total acreage section for the website, send photos to Marina

**Dam Relicensing/Sale- Wilder, Bellows Falls and Vernon hydroelectric facilities**

Meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> initiated by CT River Watershed Council, stakeholder meeting. Farms along the river should attend. Request concrete project ideas, a separate fund to be used for a purpose every year (stabilizing banks, etc.). Focus on economic damages caused by the river rising and falling rapidly and drastically. TransCanada was supposed to create committees that members of CRWFA wanted to join, but haven't heard anything more. License won't be issued until 2018.

**Action:** fill out Doodle Poll for the meeting, ideas to bring to the meeting, attend the meeting to learn what the process is and how to become involved

### **Meetings attended by board**

**Action:** need talking points for all board members with consistent messaging for any opportunities.

- Watershed United VT: Linda attended to discuss Ag partnerships.
- WRSCD annual meeting: Katherine Adams attended.
- Two Rivers Ottauquechee: Amy attended advisory meeting on tactical basin policy, reclassification of surface waters, water conservation approaches to share with communities.
- Clean Water Funding: Paul Doton attended. \$50 million gap per year over 20 years for implementation of regulations.

### **Upcoming meetings**

CRWFA annual meeting-January 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am, Public House in Quechee

### **Nominating Committee**

Steve Taylor, Heidi Dolloff, Rob Howe

- a. 7 member spaces to be filled
- b. 1 year term: Ed, Walt, Linda, Bill (need 4 board members)
- c. 2 year term: Amy, Beth, Steve (need 1 board member)
- d. 3 year term: Paul, Katherine (need 2 board members)

### **Other business**

- a. Farm to School tour organized at Walt Gladstone's focus on cow care with staff and volunteers for Farm to School program. Assistance provided by Jill Hussels, NEDP.
- b. Dan Hudson needs topics for winter event—forage, cover crops, weed identification.
- c. Approval of new member, Jenny Nelson (Home Acres Farm). Accepted

### **Next Meeting**

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 10am-12pm at the WRJ NRCS office

*Meeting adjourned. Paul and Linda stayed to work with Beth on website.*

*Minutes taken by Marina Welch and Beth Kennet*