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CRJC Riverbend Subcommittee Annual Report - 2019

The Riverbend Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) meets quarterly and consists of up to two volunteers nominated by participating municipalities. Current members of Vermont are Deborah Noble from Concord, Mary Dole from Ryegate, Ami L. Norton and Scott Labun from Newbury, and openings in Guildhall, Lunenburg, Waterford, and Barnet. Current members of New Hampshire are Bob Elwell from Lancaster, Michael Crosby and Gal Potashnick from Dalton, Jim Sherrard and Jan Edick from Littleton, Ken Hunter from Monroe, Rick Walling from Bath, and Pauline Corzilius and Lewis Dale from Haverhill. Those with only one representative have an opening for a second volunteer.

The Subcommittee provides a local voice to help steward the resources on or affecting a portion of the Connecticut River, particularly on topics related to the maintenance of good water quality and wildlife habitat. Meeting and events are open to the public. The Subcommittee is one of five that make up the Connecticut River Joint Commissions since 1989. Specific responsibilities include providing feedback to NH Department of Environmental Services, VT Agency of Natural Resources and municipalities on matters pertaining to the river; reviewing and commenting on proposed permits and plans; and maintaining a corridor management plan.

The Subcommittee stayed up to date on a number of issues including dam management and the FERC relicensing process. The Subcommittee reviewed and commented on a series of permits, including a new bridge in Munroe. In April, Rebecca Brown of the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust (ACT) presented on ACT's updated Strategic Conservation Plan. Members are exploring a water quality monitoring training and/or sampling event for the 2020 season. One option is a school teacher training and student led sampling effort. This winter, members plan to learn about and discuss the Vermont basin management plan update. NHDES has shared legislative changes to the wetlands permit and is expected to share guidelines for implementation in December 2019.

If you or someone in your community is interested in learning about or contributing to river conservation issues in the region or serving as a liaison to the Riverbend Subcommittee, please contact our staff support Olivia Uyizeye at ouyizeye@uvlsrpc.org to learn more.