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### ***CRJC Riverbend Subcommittee Annual Report - 2020***

The Riverbend Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) meets every two months and consists of up to two volunteers nominated by participating municipalities, with allowance for alternates. Since March 2020, the Subcommittee has met via video conference call and continues to do while state emergency orders are active due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Current members of Vermont are Bill Graves and John Fairchild from Barnet, Deborah Noble from Concord, Scott Labun from Newbury, Mary Dole from Ryegate, William Piper from Waterford, and openings in Guildhall & Lunenburg. Current members of New Hampshire are Rick Walling from Bath, Michael Crosby and Gal Potashnick from Dalton, Pauline Corzilius and Lewis Dale from Haverhill, Rob Christie from Lancaster, Jim Sherrard and Jan Edick from Littleton, and Ken Hunter from Monroe. Those with 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 and commented on a number of issues including Vermont basin management plans, changes to the NH wetlands permitting process, and CRJC strategic plan. Chair Rick Walling has been authorized to sign off on NH minimum impact notification, registration, or expedited wetlands permit applications. The Subcommittee reviewed and commented on a series of permits including substation, electric corridor maintenance, and dock replacement in Monroe; driveway through a wetland complex in Lunenburg; and culvert replacement in Lancaster. In June, Belinda Emmons presented about her wildlife photography in the Connecticut River Valley. Members are pursuing a water quality monitoring program for the 2021 season. Members vocalized interest in bolstering LRS review of relevant Vermont permits.

If you or someone in your community is interested in learning about or contributing to river management for the watershed, including serving as a liaison to the Headwaters Subcommittee, please contact our staff support Olivia Uyizeye at [ouyizeye@uvlsrpc.org](mailto:ouyizeye@uvlsrpc.org) or visit our website at [www.crjc.org](http://www.crjc.org) to learn more.