

# *Riverbend Local River Subcommittee*

## of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions

New Hampshire – Lancaster, Dalton, Littleton, Monroe, Bath, Haverhill

Vermont – Guildhall, Lunenburg, Concord, Waterford, Barnet, Ryegate, Newbury

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### **Connecticut River – Riverbend Local River Subcommittee – Annual Report 2022**

The Riverbend Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) meets quarterly and consists of up to two volunteers nominated by riverfront municipalities, with allowance for alternates. Throughout 2022, the Subcommittee has maintained a hybrid meeting format where a quorum of participating municipalities is required to be present in person. 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, Gal Potashnick from Dalton, Pauline Corzilius and Howard Hatch from Haverhill, Rob Christie from Lancaster, and openings in Littleton and Monroe. Those with one representative have an opening for a second volunteer. During 2022, Rick Walling served as chair. Meetings and events are open to the public.

Riverbend is one of the five subcommittees a part of the CRJC since 1989. The Subcommittees provide a local voice to help steward the resources on or affecting the Connecticut River, particularly on topics related to the maintenance of good water quality and wildlife habitat. Specific responsibilities include providing feedback on river-related topics to NH Department of Environmental Services, VT Agency of Natural Resources, and municipalities. Feedback covers comments on proposed permits and plans, and maintaining a bi-state corridor management plan.

During 2022, Riverbend engaged on several issues. Permits that were reviewed include a commercial development and new dock in Lancaster, residential development in Littleton, and the recertification of the Fifteen Miles Falls project for the Low Impact Hydro Institute. Riverbend is also following the potential acquisition of Holton Island in Lancaster by the Town.

Riverbend supported outreach efforts in service of the Connecticut River, including a virtual speaker series (see [www.crjc.org/riverwide](http://www.crjc.org/riverwide)) that delved into conversations on the local river recreation economy, stormwater retrofits, native american history & current experiences, and human & beaver dams. Further, Riverbend supported water quality monitoring efforts at 5 sites along the Connecticut River.

In 2023, Riverbend will continue their activities in management, outreach, and learning for the Connecticut River. Riverbend welcomes local participation in permit reviews, educational events, watershed planning, and water quality monitoring. If you are interested to learn more, please contact us at [info@crjc.org](mailto:info@crjc.org).

