

Minutes of the Deerfield River Impact Committee

Feb 23, 2010

Present: Buntin, Bellows, Healy and various officials invited by Brookfield Power (see attached list)

1. Meeting Called to order at 10:40 AM.
2. Turned the meeting over to Tom Mapletoft, Brookfield Power, to discuss signage that Brookfield will be providing for four river sites.
3. Placement: Fife Brook Put In, Brookfield Visitors Center, Zoar Gap Take out, and Zoar Picnic area. With the cooperation of the FRCOG, signage will also be coordinated for Shunpike in order to have consistent content and graphics.
4. Discussion of content of signs. Began with Public Safety. Need to have large visible letters, short powerful statements. More detailed information to be put elsewhere on the sign, in smaller print. Questioned whether Alcohol prohibition or life vest should come first. Brookfield will coordinate all requests and send out a proposed draft for approval.
5. Discussed other information, graphics, for the signs: Maps, Information for Fishermen, History of the Deerfield River, information about Hydro, trail information.
6. Discussed a warning sign to be placed at Zoar Road whenever water is flowing at CFS considered to be dangerous. Zoar Outdoor and Crab Apple reps will get together and design a sign and a system for posting sign. Sign to be paid for by rafting companies. Proposed signature: "Emergency Management Director, Town of Charlemont." Proposal to be sent to DRIC and to Selectboard prior to June implementation
7. Meeting adjourned at 12:40.

Cathy Buntin

Charles Bellows

Winston Healy