



## **Connecticut River Joint Commissions – 2017 Town Report**

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CRJC continues its mission to preserve the visual and ecological integrity and working landscape of the Connecticut River Valley. With five local subcommittees and over 100 volunteers, it is guiding the watershed's growth by reviewing and commenting on proposed actions, from large scale development projects including the Northern Pass and Hydro-Electric Dam Relicensing, to proposed regulatory changes, such as the NH shoreland protection rules.

During FY 17 CRJC convened a meeting on the Conte Wildlife Refuge with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to learn about their Water-on-Wheels Express and to develop a partnership to bring this

educational exhibit to Connecticut River communities. CRJC was a sponsor of the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Source-to-Sea Cleanup with the Connecticut River Conservancy and partnered with them on an analysis of erosion studies as part of the FERC relicensing process of hydro-electric dams. As a result, FERC requested the dams' owner to provide additional information on erosion along the river.

CRJC emphasized the Vermont Clean Water Initiative with a focus on best agricultural practices to reduce impacts on surface waters. CRJC continues to bring public policy decision makers to our meetings to keep them abreast of the issues facing the Connecticut River. Finally, CRJC worked with the students of the Rockefeller Center at Dartmouth to conduct a valuation of the Connecticut River to the New Hampshire Economy. Read or download the study here: <http://www.crjc.org/news-and-events/>.

The current officers of the Joint Commissions are *Jason Rasmussen, President (VT)*; *James McClammer, Vice President (NH)*; *Jennifer Griffin, Treasurer (NH)*; *Steven Lembke, Secretary (VT)*. For a full list of Commissioners see the following website: <http://www.crjc.org/about-crjc/commissioners/>.



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Fourth Connecticut Lake, Pittsburg, NH