

Minutes of the Deerfield River Impact Committee
Thursday, Oct 18, 2007

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10. Kathy Buntin elected chairperson.
2. The committee reasserted its mission to formulate an action plan for consideration of the Selectmen and other interested townsperson.
3. The Committee read and approved Charles Bellows' excellent synopsis of the problem together with his outline of a plan of attack.
4. The Committee agreed that reducing or eliminating the consumption of alcohol would be the keystone of our Action Plan. This will reduce misbehavior and litter and it will improve safety.
5. Agreed to recommend limiting the number of put-ins and take-outs above Charlemont in order to better control liquor being carried onto the River.
6. Discussed Fencing dangerous town property in Zoar picnic area.
 - Win and Chuck to inform Selectmen of needs in this area via site visit. Would reduce liability and enhance monitoring of Zoar entry area.
 - Kathy to coordinate with larger FRCOG Committee regarding funding for put-ins.
7. Agreed Chuck Bellows will research law regarding carrying alcohol onto the river AND controlling access and entry points via parking restrictions etc.
8. Agreed that when plan is approved a comprehensive plan for education, signage, and publicity will be necessary. To be discussed further.
9. Member agreed to get sworn by Town clerk if we haven't already.
10. Next meeting Wed Nov 7 at 6 PM.
- 11, Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Win Healy