



FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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Notes from Resource Stewardship Subcommittee meeting

2/1/22 6:30 PM

(Held Via Zoom)

Attendance: Alison Jassen (Colebrook), Alison Murdock (New Hartford), Andrew Petitemange (NPS), Laura Hart (FRWA), Lans Perry (Canton), Susan Peterson (DEEP), Matt Goclowski (DEEP), Roger Behrens (Barkhamsted)

RSSC Budget Items for the new agreement were extensively discussed and one Change Recommended For Approval:

There was general agreement to recommend that the new FRCC budget should continue or increase support for Line 3 (Invasives Management), Line 5 (Water Quality Monitoring), and Line 6 (Land Protection).

Regarding budget Line 4, Peterson, Hart and Jassen led a lengthy discussion on the Still River watershed and its impaired waters status along with various studies and projects that had occurred in the past on point source and non-point source impairment issues. Studies from prior years may be shared if available. Reductions in trash, other pollutants, BOD, and bacterial loads in the Still River are in the best interest of downstream waters. All agreed that activities in the Still River watershed and waters flowing therefrom could be expected to impact water quality in the West Branch and deserve FRCC attention.

No provision of FRCC budget funds at Line 4 was recommended immediately because there is no specific Still River project planned by FRCC nor by any entity that has solicited FRCC funding at this time. Line 4 will be revisited in the future.

Motion was made by Murdock, seconded by Jassen and after long discussion unanimously approved by RSSC meeting attendees to recommend that the FRCC approve an increase in budget Line 7 (Upper Watershed Resilience Building) to \$7,500.00 to have funds available for possible projects such as culvert replacement design work or other ideas. This amount may be adjusted by an amount FRCC determines is appropriate after Hart reports upon discussions with HVA regarding their experience with such work.

Invasives Management: Petitemange continues his work to build a coalition of interested entities and to arrive at a jointly agreed upon conclusion regarding the role that FRCC should take on in the Invasives challenge. He will report at a future meeting.

West River Road Project: Project permit work continues. Petit de Mange is actively assisting efforts to move permitting process forward.

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Control project is progressing. Hart noted that a deposit was made and that funds are ready when bugs are available.

A general discussion at the beginning and end of the meeting about **Green Snow Pro** training and differing apparent local interest in each town led to the following conclusion. It was agreed that the chief administrative officers or DPW chiefs of towns that do not apply soon should be contacted directly by Hart or by the trainers to make sure they are aware of the environmental and cost benefits,

Adjourned at 7:32PM.