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**Education and Outreach Sub-committee
 Meeting Notes - Monday, July 12, 2021
 by Zoom 6:30-7:30 PM**

In attendance: Laura Hart, Dan Bowler, Mario Santoro, Stephan Bastrzycki, David Sinish, Matt Vinick, Roger Behrens

Laura to go on maternity leave August 1, planned return mid-October.
 Dan to return end of August for short time, return again in October.

Website: FarmingtonRiverSteward.org is now up and running!
 Great thanks to the core working group of Stephan, Laura, Andrew and David, as well as those providing comments. We do own and manage this site so any changes/corrections/modifications can be made by us. Tutorial on program by Lumi will be done very soon. Lumi to begin to send notification of new site and posts soon.

Quilt: Avon Library hanging is Monday, 8/2 at 10:00AM. Need volunteer to assist David (Roger). Quilt will be on display until September 30th.

Canton River Access Committee: No report but minutes are on Canton website. Discussion is now centering on location possibly next to Waste Water Treatment plant. At meetings Collinsville Canoe and Kayak (CCKS) has volunteered to help fund FRCC but cannot due to Fed rules. Discussed other options.

Monofilament Collection Boxes: Test box to be installed soon by Mark Swenson and Stephan. Remainder planned to be installed by crew from Groundwork Bridgeport in August.

Kiosks: Roger has contacted Bill Winchester to purchase lumber and begin to construct kiosks which will be stored at DEEP site until installation. Discussion re payment concluded that payment for materials could be made after purchase. Laura to draft contract.

Stewards: River usage has been below normal because water levels have been high due to many rain events. Stewards have been working on invasive plant removal, marching in July 4 Barkhamsted parade and outreach activities. Planning a community Family Fun Day on 7/10 and joint project with Groundwork Bridgeport. Collinsville Canoe and Kayak has provided two single and one tandem kayaks for Steward use.

GIS: Laura provided a draft of GIS Paddling Map of the W&S segment. Overall comments were favorable. Great concern was expressed re the access sites and suitability for different types of watercraft. Most important are the expected time on the river between access points. Timing on river is dependent on type of craft, water flow, skill and style of paddlers. This will be noted in the next map drafts.

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Project: Roger favorably reported on release of insects to combat hemlock woolly adelgids that was partially funded by FRCC.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 PM
