



FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE
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Notes from Resource Stewardship Subcommittee meeting
3/8/22 6:30 PM
(Held Via Zoom)

Attendance: Alison Jassen (Colebrook), Andrew Petitdemange (NPS), Laura Hart (FRWA), Lans Perry (Canton), Susan Peterson (DEEP), Matt Goclowski (DEEP).

Invasives Management: Petitdemange 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. Many ideas discussed including finding native plants to be planted to replace or displace invasives. He will report at a future meeting.

Culverts: Hart discussed some of what she learned from HVA and their successful efforts to get preliminary design work done to facilitate grant applications by towns seeking funds to complete such projects. HVA has sent teams to get detailed data about top-priority culverts. They have sought funding from various foundations including local community foundations. Trout Unlimited has created concept designs in the normal price range of \$15,000 to \$20,000 per culvert. Petitdemange discussed experiences on Westfield River culvert improvement projects.

Green Sno Pro Training – Hart reported that two FRWA staff attended recent training session but she hasn't had a chance to debrief with them yet. However, it sounds like attendance was good and training went well.

West River Road Project: No updates. Permit work continues. Petitdemange is actively assisting efforts to move permitting process forward.

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Control project is progressing. Funds are ready when bugs are available.

Porta-Potties – FRCC has had some initial conversations with MDC and DEEP about potential locations. Need to survey sites to make sure appropriate, so don't cause bank erosion, etc. Discussed locational markers so that river users will know where to find them.

Peterson noted staff retirements at DEEP may reduce available hours she is able to devote to FRCC, due to increased workload.

Peterson brought to our attention the series "Unearthing History: The Discovery of a 12,500 year old Paleo-Indian Site along the Farmington River in Avon, CT" webinar series II. Series created by the Avon Historical Society, Avon Free Library & Avon Senior Center

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Partners in this series include the Farmington River Watershed Association, Institute of American Indian Studies, Washington, CT and the Avon Land Trust.

The first lecture entitled "What Genetics Teaches Us About the Peopling of North America" will be presented by Dr. Jennifer Raff, anthropological geneticist at the University of Kansas. It will be held on **Thursday, March 10** beginning at 7:00pm via Zoom through a link from the Library. It is available free of charge. Sign up at: www.avonctlibrary.info

To watch the webinars from the 2021 series on YouTube, visit: www.youtube.com/user/afplct
<https://www.ctarchaeology.org/upcoming-events>