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Notes from Resource Stewardship Subcommittee meeting
4/5/22 6:30 PM
(Held Via Zoom)

Attendance: Alison Jassen (Colebrook), Laura Hart (FRWA), Lans Perry (Canton), Susan Peterson (DEEP), Alison Murdock (New Hartford).

FRWA-initiated Quinn Ecological Proposal Funding Request: The meeting packet included a FRWA-initiated proposal from Quinn Ecological, LLC entitled Amphibian and Reptile Critical Habitat Analysis Along the Upper Farmington River. RSSC concluded that the information provided by the proposed work was likely to improve our understanding of the local ecology of the river. Better understanding of the local ecology should allow us to make better decisions regarding its management. RSSC agreed that the FRWA-initiated Quinn Ecological Proposal should be recommended for funding by FRCC. Hart agreed to include this funding request on the upcoming FRCC meeting agenda and to distribute the proposal as part of the meeting packet.

Hartland Land Trust Bosco B Property Grant Request: The meeting packet did not include the subject request so RSSC did not review it. Hart agreed to include this grant request on the upcoming FRCC meeting agenda and to distribute the grant request proposal as part of the meeting packet.

Culverts Database Funding Request: Hart discussed the funding request message in the meeting packet that she had forwarded from NAACC (North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative) based at UMass Amherst. It is necessary that cooperating entities help financially to sustain the hosting and maintenance of culvert study data including that developed with FRCC’s assistance by FRWA. RSSC agreed to recommend that FRCC should provide \$1,250.00 to support NAACC. Hart agreed to include this funding request on the upcoming FRCC meeting agenda and to distribute the NAACC funding request message as part of the meeting packet.

Other Funding Requests: There were no other immediate funding requests. Peterson and Hart discussed Northwest Conservation District’s efforts to collaborate with others to make a difference in water quality on the Still and Mad Rivers. They are considering outreach and various projects to achieve their goals. RSSC likely will see funding requests in the future.

Hogback Road Wetlands Violation: Local and State agencies are continuing their efforts to bring about resolution. Notice of Second Violation has been issued by Hartland’s enforcement officer, Scott Eisenlohr. RSSC action required at this time. Susan Peterson receive this information from DEEP: Brian Golembiewski (Supervisor, CT DEEP BWPLR LWRD Enforcement/Compliance): “We still have not received a response. We just sent the NOV to a California address and the Town has issued a second NOV. Our next step will be to issue a unilateral order to restore the stream corridor [sic].”

New Hartford (29 Cottage Street) River Bank Debris Complaint: Local inland wetlands official has been notified. No report back yet.

Invasives Management: Petitemange was unable to attend this meeting. He 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.

Culverts: Intern selection by FRWA is underway. Preparatory training and mentor-guided field work will begin again soon.

West River Road Project: Project permit work continues. A meeting will be held soon with Princeton Hydro to review and help keep the permitting process moving forward.

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

Adjourned 7:18PM.