



FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE
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Notes from Resource Stewardship Subcommittee meeting
5/3/22 6:30 PM
(Held Via Zoom)

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

FRWA-initiated Quinn Ecological Proposal Funding Request: FRCC approved at full committee meeting.

Hartland Land Trust Bosco B Property Grant Request: FRCC approved at full committee meeting.

Culverts Database Funding Request: Grant to NAACC (North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative) based at UMass Amherst approved at FRCC full committee meeting.

Other Funding Requests: There were no other immediate funding requests.

Hogback Road Wetlands Violation: Local and State agencies are continuing their efforts to bring about resolution. No RSSC action required at this time.

New Hartford (29 Cottage Street) River Bank Debris Complaint: No update

Invasives Management: Hart noted NHLT-planned knotweed event. Petitdemange sought lists of volunteers. He will report at a future meeting.

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Control project is progressing. Release expected for May 14, 2022. Hart will email confirmation.

Culverts: Preparatory training and mentor-guided field work will begin again soon.

Green Infrastructure: Hart noted FRWA is seeking grant to fund new WQI projects possibly in Winsted and Canton.

West River Road Project: Peterson wrote: I have an update on the: Town of Barkhamsted - STEAP Grant Project – W. Branch Farmington River – Riverbank Restoration, as follows:

Both Andrew and I attended the April 11, 2022 permit update meeting, in addition to Don Stein, Debbie Brydon and Casey Clapsaddle. (Sorry, Lans ... Somehow your name seems to have fallen off of the list when the meeting invitation went out. In a follow-up conversation, I asked Casey to be sure to include you next time.)

All CT DEEP and Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) permit application materials were prepared and awaiting a final review. They hoped to submit them by the end of that week. Andrew assisted with the ACOE permit. Unfortunately, the ACOE General Permit (GP) was recently modified and the project no longer qualified for a GP which would have made the process easier. Instead, they have to submit for an Individual Permit.

Debbie was going to provide Casey with forms needed for the local Inland Wetland permit application.

Don reported that the Town has a signed document from Probate allowing an easement for access to the work site through private property. Casey said that there are three additional properties that the Town will need to get permissions from due to ACOE permit requirements (ie. – project area overlaps with these properties). Don will seek permissions but didn't think it will be an issue to get them.

Due to permitting process, it is not anticipated that construction of project will start until next year. Discussed project contract expiration date (currently 6-30-23). Don asked Susan about requesting an extension and she said she would check into it and get back to the Town. (Note – Susan followed up with other CT DEEP staff and it was suggested that the Town wait until permitting is completed before requesting an extension because will have better idea of timeframe then.)

Casey was going to speak with Matt G. about a possible exemption to work during the winter season. Don noted that Town DPW would not be available during snow plow season but could be available on either side of the time.

Adjourned 6:48PM.