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FRCC Resource Stewardship subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 3, 2023
Via Zoom

Attendance: Colebrook (Alison Jassen, rep, R/S subcommittee chair), New Hartford (Alison Murdock, rep), FRWA (Laura Hart, alt), CT DEEP (Susan Peterson, alt and Matt Gocłowski, alt), FVTU (Jim Buchok, rep), NPS (Andrew Petitdemange, rep)

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:32pm

Invasive Plants Management: Discussed FALPs request for invasive plant removal from 3 contractors for the School St project – Andrew to follow up with our concerns of using herbicides / proximity to river. Need for FRCC to have an approach/guideline for invasive plant treatment. Alison M suggested it could be a research project to help with the invasive plant control mechanically. Need for native plant re-introduction plans after. Andrew will set up a meeting with FALPs to discuss FRCC’s concerns.

Water Quality Monitoring: Laura is finishing up the WQ reports and will share soon. Planning for 2023 season. Chloride monitoring ongoing, have baseline data from 2004-2019 on many FRCC sites. Jim to monitor a trib to the Still River where he has seen excessive road salts. Next step to encourage the Towns to move towards what they learned from Green Snow Pro trainings – FRCC could help with upgraded equipment costs via grants to the Towns as an incentive.

Land Protection: Laura to reach out to land trusts to determine if there is any land acquisition projects.

HWA: Alison Murdock moved to support the grant proposal from Dr. Carole Cheah for the HWA project for \$9,750 as proposed for 2023 release. Andrew seconded. Passed unanimously. R/S subcommittee is recommending approval to the full committee. Educational workshop to be held at McLeans with Connor Hogan, FRWA, and Dr. Carole Cheah on 1/18/23 6-8pm.

RFP: Andrew to update the changes made at last meeting and to include that this is a phase 1 of 2, so bidders understand the long term goal of this project. Will discuss and share draft with the LFSWS committee. Will add a due date for the RFP of 30 days after announcement. Post at local universities, social media, websites, and linked In.

Culverts: Jim reported on meetings held with CT DEEP, TU, and FRWA to create a list of locations that need culvert replacements for aquatic passability and native brook trout. Next steps for outreach to Towns.

Budget: planning for next fiscal year's workplan – potential to add HWA to Invasive Plant Mgmt budget (but change name to Invasive Species Mgmt), diversify the Land Protection to include forest stewardship, land conservation projects as well. Laura and Andrew to draft workplan for feb meeting – all ideas to be emailed to us before then. Increase funding for culverts going forward. Overall, keep budget simple with greater flexibility within categories.

Adjourned 7:45PM