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Minutes
Resource Stewardship subcommittee
Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 6:30 PM
Zoom

Attendance: Colebrook (Alison Jassen, Representative, Secretary and R/S Subcommittee Chair), New Hartford (Alison Murdock, Representative), FRWA (Laura Hart, Alternate), CT DEEP (Matt Goclowski, Alternate and Susan Peterson, Alternate), National Park Service (Andrew Petitdemange, Representative), FVTU (Jim Buchok, Representative)

1) Invasive Plant Management

Jim Buchok discussed the March 11 FVTU volunteer event to remove invasive plants. The focus will be on the Frey Property. Andrew will contact Betsy Corrigan to see what additional areas need attention.

2) Water Quality Monitoring

Chloride monitoring is underway. Green Snow Pro training has focused on private contractors this year. Discussion revolved around possible need to have additional trainings this spring to get more municipal road maintenance crews involved. Trainings could be general and apply to both private contractors and municipal crews.

Alison Jassen moved to allocate up to \$1000 to reimburse towns that send people for Green Snow Pro training and Andrew seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3) Land Protection

NHLT request \$8,500 New Hartford Land Trust submitted a detailed proposal to requesting funds to acquired land - 32 acres at the north end of Stub Hollow Road. The proposed was detailed and the acquisition would help with the creation of a wildlife corridor. Alison Murdock moved to approve the application for \$8500 to acquire the Stub Hollow property. Andrew seconded. It passed unanimously.

4) RFP Scientific Study Archive

No applicants were received for the aggregation of data to create a searchable database. A motion was made by Alison Jassen to check with the Lower River to see if the project could be broadened to include the upper and lower Farmington. Andrew seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Andrew will check with his NPS colleagues to see if anyone has information about the creation of a database.

5) R/S Budget/Workplan for 2023-2024

Alison M. voted to approve the R/S Budget for the 2023-2024 year. Alison Jassen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6) Others: Continuing/new

Grant application for Fungal Diversity Study in the Upper Farmington River Watershed

DeWei Li Ph.D., Mycologist, Department Head/Chief Scientist, Valley Lab, The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES)

Amount requested - \$10,000.

Those on the committee who had read the proposal had some questions and others had not had time to read the proposal. Subcommittee members expressed general interest in supporting the request, but had concerns – among the concerns, NPS cannot support any requests for food.

Laura volunteered to contact Dr. Li, to send questions that members have after reading the proposal and to let him know that the food request must be removed. Members also requested a more detailed budget.

Andrew moved to approve the funding request with the stipulation that questions must be answered and budget details be provided on a more detailed level. Additionally, references to food must be removed. Laura seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The request will be presented to the full committee at the next meeting assuming all questions are answered and the budget is detailed more fully.

8. Adjourn: 8:08 pm