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FRCC Monthly Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2023 7PM
Location: Zoom

Attendees: Mario Santoro, Jim Buchok, Tom Carpenter, David Sinish, Matt Vinick, Alison Jassen, Dan Bowler, Torrey Collins, Andrew Petitdemange, Jim Randazzo,

Call to Order – at 7:10PM Roger Behrens, Chair

All highlighted yellow indicate vote taken.

Minutes and Reports

Approved Minutes of January 23, 2023 meeting. No revisions.

Treasurer’s Report – Prepared by FRWA, Reported on by Matt Vinick, Treasurer. Approved.

Subcommittee Reports:

Executive – Roger Behrens, Chair

- Adoption of procurement policy to submit to National Park Service Financial Assistance Team. Alison Jassen moves to adopt s written. David Sinish seconds. Approved unanimously.

- Approval of 2023-2024 Workplan and Budget. David Sinish moves to adopt as presented, Alison Jassen Seconds. Unanimously Approved.

Resource Stewardship – Alison Jassen, Subcommittee Chair

-Recommendation to approve \$8,500 to New Hartford Land Trust for the purchase and protection of 31 acres along stub hollow road.

Protects cold water tributary and links other protected parcels. State listed slimy sculpin present in cold-water stream. Tom Carpenter moves to approve the grant as proposed. Dan Bowler seconds. Approved unanimously.

-Recommendation to approve fungal study for \$12, 235

Opportunity to understand fungi and forest health. Fills knowledge gap and should influence future stewardship planning. Alison Jassen moves to approve as proposed. Jim Buchok seconds. Unanimously Approved.

-Recommendation to approve of Green Snow Pro training (municipal + sub-contractors) up to \$1,000 in reimbursement upon completion of training.

Support funding municipal highway staff (and their subcontractors) to attend Green Snow Pro training to reduce salt in waterways. Dan Bowler moves to approve up to \$1000 as proposed. David Sinish seconds. Unanimously approved.

Education and Outreach – David Sinish, Subcommittee Chair

- Looking for new venue to host Quilt
- Getting FRCC summary into town annual reports. Will share summary that can be shared with every town. Reps should send to their town for inclusion
- Kiosk panels still in development. Updating panels to be site specific and include new wildlife plant photos and more accurate historical story telling.
- River Steward is recruiting stewards with some success. Pay will raise to \$19/hr for new stewards and \$20/hr returning stewards. Training from NPS interpretative ranger will accompany the annual steward training.
- AmeriCorps crew will not be joining us this year
- Priority projects from 2022 Workshop

New Business/Other

- Question: Will cold snap kill off the hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA)? According to Matt and source he found the cold snap weekend of February 4 and 5 will significantly kill off the HWA

Local Updates/Organization Reports

Barkhamsted – no news

Canton – boat launch proposal with planning and zoning for approval. No news regarding an additional kiosk in Canton, awaiting conversation with first selectman.

Colebrook – 3 municipal workers attended Green Snow Pro training.

Hartland – Annual report will include FRCC summary (alongside FRWA and Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild & Scenic committee). Dan working with DEEP to host float down river with CTDEEP officials to demonstrate value of W&S after June 15.

New Hartford - absent

MDC – Reservoirs all full but no snow pack. Watershed should still be in good shape for spring.

CT DEEP – Trail authorization request for Satan’s Kingdom State Recreation Area, NEMBA asking that existing trails be used and as sign of good faith have others closed to protect sensitive habitat. Kim Bradly will join R/S subcommittee on March 7 to explain.

NPS – Quarterly meetings for PWSR committees. Encourage reps to attend March 22 at 12:30 for a talk on invasive plants.

FRWA - no

FRAA – Fundraiser banquet at Crystal Peak in Torrington, March 4. [Banquet Tickets : Farmington River \(farmingtonriveranglersassociation.org\)](http://farmingtonriveranglersassociation.org)

FVTU – Annual invasive removal, March 11 at Frey Property (across the river from Satan’s Kingdom). All welcome. TU partnering with Tractor Supply for tree planting (trees and tools) to happen around Arbor Day in April, seeking planting locations. Culverts are being assessed for replacement. Interested in replacing culvert on Torrinford Brook in New Hartford. FVTU banquet on March 18 at Casa Mia. [22nd/23rd Annual Banquet — Farmington Valley Trout Unlimited \(fvtu.org\)](http://fvtu.org)

River Steward - absent

Next meeting dates –

- Full committee:

March 20, April 17, May 15

- Subcommittees:

Mon. Mar 6 – Education & Outreach 6:30 PM by Zoom meeting

Tues. Mar 7 – Resource Stewardship 6:30 PM by Zoom meeting

Upcoming Events –

- March 11, 9-12 invasive plant removal with FRWA and FVTU at Frey Property

- Planning FRCC and LFSWS combined gathering in the spring

Adjourn @ 8:30PM