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

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

Call to Order 6:32 pm

1) Invasive Plant Management

Andrew spoke with Betsy Corrigan about developing a plan to manage invasive species for this season. Betsy Corrigan has a fulltime job and will only be available evenings and on weekends. FRWA has interns who can help with invasives management. There has been discussion with Trout Unlimited about “adopting” a section along the river to maintain.

2) Hemlock Woolley Adelgid (HWA) control project

Dr. Carole Cheah released the beetles. Jim B., Roger, and Dan were present. And the River Stewards were at the Pratt Place, CLT release. invasives along School Street.

3) Water Quality Monitoring

Water quality monitoring has begun. New interns have started along with one returning intern and will be working on collecting samples.

4) Land Protection and Grants

No new grants proposals have been received.

5) Update: West River Rd. Bank Stabilization – Barkhamsted

Susan Peterson emailed an update and said the Town recently received a contract amendment which extends the current STEAP contract for a year until 6-30-2024.

At the last project check-in meeting, Princeton Hydro (PH - Town consultant) reported that Ethan Nadeau (mussel expert) had completed his survey of the project site, found the mussel species of concern and would be developing a management plan. PH indicated that once they receive the mussel management plan, they will be able to finish submitting permit application(s) to CT DEEP and Army Corps of Engineers for the project.

6) Culverts

Jim Buchok stated that the culvert assessments will begin soon. Laura reported that interns are trained so culvert assessments will be starting soon.

7) Others: Continuing/new

RFP Scientific Study Archive

Laura and Andrew met with UCONN representatives about creating a searchable database for the Upper Farmington River and ultimately Wild and Scenic Rivers in Connecticut. UCONN has an interest in creating a graduate project for students both in the College of Natural Resources and in Library Sciences. The project may be done in two distinct phases – assembling the data and creating a searchable database.

Alison Jassen asked if NPS might consider this a pilot project that might be replicated to get all the Wild and Scenic Rivers into databases across the country.

New Hartford Trail Grant:

New Hartford has been approved for a grant to begin Phase I of the project to create a trail from New Hartford Center to Collinsville Antiques. Laura suggested that she might be able to contact Kim Bradley to see if there are any details about the New Hartford grant application that could be shared with FRCC.

Canton Hydro – Dam and Fishway

There was an open house at Canton Hydro and an opportunity to see the Fish Ladder and the Eel ramp. Matt G. reported that Brown Trout, Yellow Perch and White Suckers have used the fishway as well as eels have been documented using the eel ladder.

8. Adjourn: 7:42 pm