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Minutes

Resource Stewardship subcommittee

Tuesday, September 5, 2023, 6:30 PM

Zoom

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

Call to Order 6:32 pm

1) Invasive Plant Management

No update.

2) Water Quality Monitoring

Water quality monitoring is wrapping up for temperature, bacteria, and other water quality indicators. The report will be ready for fall.

Jim B. noted that there is concern over the high-water temperatures in the river due to high air temperatures and low water flow. Jim B. also discussed the macroinvertebrate sampling done by Carl Swanson finding a lack of specimens. Conditions such as the high-water flows and then very low water flows may be creating poor conditions for larvae. Matt G. stated that the timing of the sampling in late August was likely to produce low numbers of macroinvertebrates.

3) Land Protection Grants

No land protection grants have been received.

4) Culverts

In Hartland the culvert near Hogsback at 532 Hogsback Road has been assessed as a severe barrier. A meeting is being planned with Dan Bowler, FRWA, and Andrew to discuss culvert replacement with town officials. Matt G. will also investigate.

Two other culverts in New Hartford along Tarringford Brook have also been identified as severe impediments.

Others: Continuing/New

West River Rd. Bank Stabilization – Barkhamsted:

The project cannot move forward until the report on the endangered mussels has been received.

Army Corp meeting:

Andrew reported the meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers is scheduled at the end of September to learn more about their policies and to establish communication. Jamie Fasberg, Liz Lacy, and Andrew will be at the meeting representing NPS. Andrew will send out an email asking for input from FRCC members regarding issues to bring up to the Army Corps.

River Flow:

The water levels in the river have fluctuated to a great extent this year. The president of TU received a complaint about formation of a sandbar in the river. Matt G. reported that this is a natural process due to the high-water levels likely carrying sediment from tributaries. There is no action needed.

Quilt

The Quilt display at the LOB is scheduled for September 18th at 10:00 am.

Other

The TU picnic will be held at Mathies Grove on the 16th. FRCC members are welcome to attend.

A Memorial Gathering for David Sinish is planned for October 21.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:09 pm