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Minutes
Resource Stewardship subcommittee
Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 6:30 PM
Zoom

Attendance: Colebrook (Alison Jassen, Representative, R/S Subcommittee Chair), New Hartford (Alison Murdock, Representative), DEEP (Susan Peterson), FRWA (Laura Hart), Trout Unlimited (Jim Buchok, Representative), Barkhamsted (Roger Behrens), Canton (Bill Coleman).

Call to Order 6:36 pm

1) Invasive Plant Management

Nothing new to report.

2) Water Quality Monitoring

Water quality reports are being compiled and written and will be available later this fall. Alison J. asked about having reports tie water quality to river flow levels and the ability to present in a comparison format. Laura said that this was the intention and the report on water quality should be ready for presentation in February.

3) Land Protection Grants

A thank you note was received for the \$1500 donated by FRCC. Also stated in the letter, the NHLT received an additional grant to help with the purchase of the property however they will be looking for more funding next year.

4) Culverts

Virtual training on culverts is planned to promote education on the subject for the towns.

There was a meeting with Tracey Brown from TU to discuss culverts.

Trout Unlimited will help Hartland with plans for the conceptual design for the 532 Hogsback Road culvert to allow for better results and use for fish and amphibian movement through the culverts, with the first step of developing a preliminary plan. Hartland is not yet ready for this step but when ready to replace the culvert, the town has said that Hartland public works employees can do the construction.

Others: Continuing/New

Farmington River Flow subgroup update:

Jim Buchok and Alison J. discussed the subcommittee’s intention to collect data. Jim B. discussed the development of an FRAA survey of local businesses on the impact of the altered river flow. Jim B. mentioned that Jeff Yates is trying to set up a meeting with William Tong to see if he is interested in

taking on this issue. The approach may be to get a temporary solution between ACOE and MDC perhaps in the form of an MOU to allow water release to protect the river.

West River Road Project: Susan Peterson mentioned that Princeton Hydro has the information on the endangered mussels to proceed with the report. The concern is that the project must be completed this year by Grant rules.

FALPS Update on 100th anniversary celebration of People's State Forest: FALPS received a \$35,000 grant to cover the cost of making the film on People's and the River. The film will have a historical and educational focus. Twenty-five trees will be planted around the Matthies Grove area. A request for \$10,000 for trees will be made in 2024.

The holiday party will be held on December 18, 2023, at Squire's Tavern.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:27 pm