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Education and Outreach sub-committee
January 8, 2024 Minutes

Called to order at 6:36pm – Zoom meeting

In attendance: Dan Bowler (Hartland), Roger Behrens (Barkhamsted) Stephan Bastryzcki (River Steward), Matt Vinick (Canton), Andrew Petitdemange (NPS), Laura Hart (FRWA)

Publications/River Flows: Colebrook Dam one-pager discussion on draft. Simplify, remove timeline, and describe the problem and solutions/recommendations. Or description on 1 page and facts on 2nd page. Goal is to mainly share online, website, newsletter, etc and email to Town’s and groups as an educational document. Can have hyperlinks in it for additional information/QR codes. Graphics to help explain the situation/flows.

Kiosks: Riverton done, final draft of Greenwoods from Mary, next is Whittimore. Sarah Faulkner is getting the Collinsville write-up approved by the Town, Stephan to add in the two circular callouts for aerial orthomosaics (close-ups of the dam and boat launch area from above mapped with a drone) into the map. Town wants both panels done before installing kiosk. Potential for an opening/celebration when the kiosk goes in, plus to honor David.

Quilt: Quilt in Hartland Town Hall (14 first panels) until end of Feb/early March. MaryPat to re-work the description part to match the new Lower Farmington River Quilt (expected end of the year).

Annual Report: Laura to draft soon. Also sharing metrics with NPS for an Annual Report of all PWSR’s.

Junior River Ranger: Booklets update - next order by spring – 2-3 month needed for NPS printing (no cost) or FRCC would pay for printing locally. Looking into getting quotes from graphic designers for this project. Working group to meet soon for next revisions.

River Stewards: One returning steward, plus a friend already interested. Position updated on FarmingtonRiverSteward.org site, and deadline March 30th (may extend). Looking at 16-24 hours per week, 12 weeks. Scoot from NPS can host a training on interpretation again for the group.

January 22 meeting with USACE: Discussed format, run-of-show for this meeting and questions to ask. Will start zoom 10 min early for FRCC officers, etc to make sure everything is running correctly before USACE join.

Other: Discussed need for E&O Chair. Next meeting. Discussed moving E&O meetings to 4pm instead of 6:30pm. Will confirm with Mario before making change.

Workplans: February meeting will include a focused session on the draft Workplan for 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Adjourned 7:51pm ----