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Minutes
Resource Stewardship subcommittee
Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 4:30 PM
Zoom

Attendance: Colebrook (Alison Jassen, Representative, R/S Subcommittee Chair), Representative), DEEP (Matt Goclowski, Representative and Susan Peterson, Alternate), FRWA (Laura Hart, Representative), Barkhamsted (Roger Behrens, Alternate and Committee Chair), National Park Service (Andrew Petitdemange, Representative)

1) Workplan Draft 2025 – See below.

The workplan for 2025 was discussed. The group felt that funding levels could remain the same as those of the current budget year. Current carryover is noted.

2) Invasive Plant Management

Betsy Corrigan may be able to work for FRCC as an employee of her new company.

3) Water Quality Monitoring

Water quality reports will be presented at the February full committee meeting.

4) Land Protection/ Grants

No Land Protection grants have been received. **Dr. Carole Cheah has submitted a request to release 5000 beetles to control HWA in 2024 at a cost of \$12,625.50.** Andrew moved to approve the request and Laura seconded. The motion passed unanimously. (It should be noted that Dr. Cheah submitted a very thorough report on the success of last year’s project. It was suggested that the contract stipulates that a report would be required for this year’s results as well.

FALPS submitted a request for \$10,000 to purchase 25 trees for the People’s Forest 100th anniversary celebration. Roger stated that they may not actually need the full \$10,000 so **Laura made a motion was made to award up to \$10,000 for the purchase of the 25 trees.** Andrew seconded. The motion passed unanimously. DEEP will provide the labor and expertise for this project.

5) Culverts

The contract for the Hartland culvert design work is awaiting a signature.

6) Others: Continuing/New

Farmington River Flow

Nothing new since USACE meeting in January.

West River Road Project:

Nothing new. The meeting that was scheduled in December with Don Stein and new Barkhamsted First Selectman didn't happen. Susan Peterson has not been able to talk with the new first selectman.

Workplan 2025 and 2023-2024 below:

| <u>Resource Stewardship</u> | Funding Type | 10/1/23 to 9/30/24 | Carried over from unspent FY23 funds |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Invasive Species Management | Contractual | \$ 18,000.00 | |
| Water Quality Monitoring/FRWA/ | Supplies | \$ 5,500.00 | |
| | Travel | \$ 500.00 | |
| | Personnel | \$ 19,520.00 | |
| Land Protection | Contractual | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 4,400.00 |
| Upper Watershed Resilience | Contractual | \$ 20,000.00 | |
| | Travel | \$ 200.00 | |
| | Personnel | \$ 1,800.00 | |
| Resource Stewardship Subcommittee Subtotal | | \$ 75,520.00 | |