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Minutes
Resource Stewardship subcommittee
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 4 PM
via Zoom

Attendance: Roger Behrens, Alison Jassen, Bill Coleman, Susan Peterson, Matt Goclowski, Jim Buchok
Called to Order at 4:02PM

1) Invasive Species Management
   a. Andrew will ask Betsy for proposed locations of treatments. Rate for treatment, either hourly or by area

2) Water Quality Monitoring

   a. 2023 report was good news for fish despite some threats to temperature, the average and duration of higher temperatures were not detrimental.

3) Culverts

   a. FRWA and TU are working on preliminary design for a culvert replacement. TU has received the Notice to Proceed for site visit.

   b. NPS is working with USACOE to encourage enforcement of the violations on Hogback Rd at the site of the culvert replacement design work

   c. Local inland wetlands, CT DEEP, and USACOE all have enforcement authority.

4) Others: Continuing/new

   a. Farmington River Flow

   b. West River Road Project updates

      • New Barkhamsted First Selectman has been notified and a meeting is being scheduled to get him up to speed, along with schedule a status meeting with the engineer.

      • Susan and Andrew are working with CT DEEP and USACOE to encourage an expedited permitting process. Roger will encourage the new First Selectman to contact OPM and request an extension.

      • There is an increasing likelihood that this project will not be completed before the funding gets pulled on June 30. We will support all efforts to avoid that fate.

   c. TU will meet at Matthies Grove March 8 to determine species of trees for planting as part of the 100th anniversary. Subsequently they will purchase and provide trees.

   d. TU is seeking an aquatic entomologist to study macroinvertebrates in the Wild & Scenic stretch of river.

   e. Allison asked that Laura and Andrew reconnect with UConn regarding the searchable Wild & Scenic Database. Andrew will send email to ask for a meeting and revisit the idea as a graduate student project.

Adjourned 4:58PM