



FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
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**Minutes**  
**Resource Stewardship subcommittee**  
**Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 4:30 PM**  
**Zoom**

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

**1) Invasive Plant Management**

Laura will investigate other companies who can help with invasive species management. This will be discussed at the next R/S meeting.

Laura provided the Fungal Diversity Study report. Committee members mentioned the large number of fungal species identified. Request by Susan to share the report with DEEP, NDDDB department.

**2) Water Quality Monitoring**

**FRWA submitted a request for \$3196 for conductivity meters and other costs to monitor three additional sites at the Mad River, Still River, and Beaver Brook.** The conductivity meters also include temperature monitoring. Jim B. moved to accept the proposal and Andrew P. seconded. The motion passed unanimously with Laura abstaining.

**4) Land Protection/ Grants**

No Land Protection grants have been received.

**The NAACC requested \$2500 as a contribution to maintain the culvert database.** After much discussion Alison Jassen made a motion to send \$1250 from the upper Farmington and to ask the lower river to contribute \$1250. Jim B. seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**5) Culverts**

There were no new updates on the Hartland culvert on Hogsback Rd. The town is still trying to contact the property owner.

**6) Others: Continuing/New**

**Farmington River Flow**

There are no updates. Water levels in the Farmington River are fluctuating but levels in Colebrook River Reservoir are high from a historical perspective. The boat launch parking lot has flooded frequently.

**West River Road Project:**

Susan reported that permits have still not been submitted to the USACE. She was able to talk with Barkhamsted First Selectman. It is very unlikely that the West River Road Bank stabilization project will be able to meet the time limit stipulated by the state OPM. Her hope is that the town can move the project along and then apply for additional funding in the future.

**Trout Unlimited Updates:** Jim Buchok reported that TU, FRAA, and FRWA will hold a River Clean up on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Farmington Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be conducting a tree planting project on April 27th at the north meadow of Matthies Grove Peoples Forest Recreation area on East River Road in Barkhamsted, CT.