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## Minutes

### Resource Stewardship subcommittee

Wednesday, September 4, 2024, 4:30 PM

### Zoom

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

#### 1) Invasive Plant Management

The contract with All Habitat Service has been signed to remove invasive bittersweet along a section of West River Road. We are just waiting for DEEP approval.

#### 2) Water Quality Monitoring

Final water quality monitoring samples have been collected and the results are undergoing data analysis. Laura noted that the rise in temperature in Morgan Brook is due to a beaver dam. Water levels are down in upper Farmington due to DEEP requested drawn down for fish survey. Stanley Black and Decker is doing a drawdown for Rainbow Reservoir for an unknown cause.

#### Land Protection/Grants

Winchester Land Trust has requested **\$10,000** for surveying costs for the acquisition of Laurel Ridge – land between Highland Lake and Route 800. **Alison J. moved to approve the request and Jim B. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

The committee discussed increasing **Grants to \$15,000 from \$10,000**. The R/S subcommittee recommends that the full committee consider increasing the maximum amount for grants.

#### 5) Culverts

No updates on culvert on Hogback Road.

#### Others: Continuing/New

##### West River Road Bank Stabilization Project –

The final report from the consultant has not been received. The application was not submitted to Army Corp. As noted previously, Princeton is willing to help the town if the town identifies a funding source.

##### Collinsville Dam

DEEP is submitting plans for the dam removal with the goal of the removal of the dam to begin next summer.

##### Susan Peterson is leaving FRCC.

She was on the committee for the West River Road Bank Stabilization Project through the STEAP grant and it is no longer an active project, she is not able to continue on the committee.