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## Minutes

### Resource Stewardship subcommittee

Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 4:30 PM

### Zoom

**Attendance:** Colebrook (Alison Jassen, Representative, R/S Subcommittee Chair), Barkhamsted (Roger Behrens, Representative, FRCC Committee Chair), New Hartford (Alison Murdock, Representative), DEEP (Matt Gocłowski, Representative), Farmington Valley Trout Unlimited (Jim Buchok, Representative)

### Agenda:

#### 1. Invasive Species Management

Laura has new maps from DEEP marking invasive treatment areas in Peoples and Nepaug and is working on getting quotes. Will share soon.

Dr. Cheah has submitted the 2024 HWA report. She will be submitting a grant request next month. The report is available – but in summary, some regions where there was HWA kill due to the cold temperature in 2023 there is evidence of new Hemlock growth, but due to the warm temperatures in 2024 new areas of infestation of visible. The drought in fall 2024 further stressed the Hemlocks.

#### 2. Water Quality Monitoring

Water quality reports and graphs for 2024 are being finalized.

The FVTU and FRAA Onset water quality monitoring equipment has recently arrived. After discussions with DEEP Fisheries personnel, a dissolved oxygen sensor will be added to spare inputs on the controller. Additional cost is approximately \$1,200 and be covered by FVTU & FRAA.

#### 3. Land Protection/Grants

Nothing new

#### 4. Culverts

Moving to focus on Ratlum Brook, FRWA has surveyed 7 culverts on Ratlum and its tributaries, several of which are severe barriers. Jim and Tom are planning to do a stream walk. FRWA, TU, and FRCC will meet soon to discuss next steps and working with the Town.

### Other

#### Neonicitoid Pesticide

FVTU working with various agencies to address the growing concern of the pesticides on birds, bees and potentially aquatic macro-invertebrates. TU informational paper has been distributed to RS Subcommittee members.