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**Minutes**  
**Resource Stewardship subcommittee**  
**Wednesday, December 4, 2024, 4:30 PM**  
**Zoom**

**Attendance:** Colebrook (Alison Jassen, Representative, R/S Subcommittee Chair), Barkhamsted (Roger Behrens, Representative, FRCC Committee Chair), FRWA (Laura Hart, Representative), Trout Unlimited (Jim Buchok, Representative)

**1) Invasive Plant Management**

All Habitat Service has finished the bittersweet removal work along West River Road in American Legion Forest. Laura will contact Jerry Milne to see what other invasive removal projects are a priority.

There is interest in having Betsy Corrigan plan to have educational/workdays with the River Stewards during the 2025 season.

There is interest in having Christian Allyn speak at an upcoming meeting in January or February on Japanese Knotweed removal. Christian Allyn is a recognized expert on Japanese Knotweed removal. His fee is \$300 to speak but there is money in the budget for speakers.

**2) Water Quality Monitoring**

The water quality report will be finished in January and should be ready to share/report in February.

**Land Protection/Grants**

No new grant proposals.

**Culverts**

No updates on culvert on Hogback Road. Based on past history, it is unlikely the property owner will respond.

There are impaired culverts on Ratlum Brook. FRWA has surveyed 7 culverts on Ratlum, 2 of which are severe barriers. Jim B. and Tom C. may do a stream walk to evaluate if they can obtain access and see any other issues on the entire stretch. This could be the next project for Tracy Brown at TU, due to its cold-water habitat and potential trout habitat.

Full committee will meet on December 16, at Roger’s Behren’s house.  
Next R/S meeting will be January 8<sup>th</sup>. (Moved due to holiday)

**New Business: N/A**