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Minutes
Resource Stewardship subcommittee
Wednesday, March 5, 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), Trout Unlimited (Jim Buchok, Representative), Ciara Kilkenny (FRWA)

Agenda:

1. Invasive Species Management

The committee briefly discussed the Knotweed presentation and the persistent nature of Knotweed infestation.

The committee discussed the proposal from All Habitat to remove invasive species (focusing on Bittersweet but also other species that might be identified continuation from 2024 American Legion Forest work) from People’s State Forest North and South as well as a proposal to remove invasive species from Nepaug Forest. The total quote was **\$23,850** for all three land parcels and **\$16,000** for the two People’s State Forest plots. The committee voted to advance the proposal to the full committee without taking a position on which parcels to focus on – all three or just People’s State Forest.

2. Water Quality Monitoring

Water quality reports and graphs for 2024 will be presented in the March meeting.

Winter water quality monitoring is ongoing for chloride, conductivity, and temperature. See grant requests for a new proposal for FRWA conductivity proposal.

3. Land Protection/Grants

FRWA submitted a request for **\$9605** for conductivity monitoring. This proposal is a continuation of the 2023 and 2024 proposals to collect additional data concerning chloride pollution to determine the conditions of the Jim Brook, Mad River, Still River, Beaver Brook, and Morgan Brook. This proposal is a continuation of the 2023 and 2024 proposals to collect additional data concerning chloride pollution to determine the conditions of the Jim Brook, Mad River, Still River, Beaver Brook, and Morgan Brook. Alison M. moved to accept the proposal and Alison J. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Culverts

Ratlum Brook Culverts were surveyed by FRWA. TU members, Jim B and Tom C., did a stream walk. Severe barriers were encountered. They are awaiting a Summary Plan from Tracy Brown. Following that a site visit will be scheduled with all parties.