

FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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Minutes Resource Stewardship subcommittee Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 4:30 PM Zoom

<u>Attendance:</u> Colebrook (Alison Jassen, Representative, R/S Subcommittee Chair), Barkhamsted (Roger Behrens, Representative, FRCC Committee Chair), New Hartford (Alison Murdock, Representative), Farmington Valley Trout Unlimited (Jim Buchok, Representative), DEEP (Matt Goclowski, Representative), FRWA (Laura Hart, Representative), FRWA (Ciara Kilkenny, Alternate) Guest: FRWA – Kailin Cole)

Agenda:

1. Invasive Species Management

All Habitat has started painting and cutting approved sections in People's Forest.

Betsy Corrigan submitted a proposal for **\$1200** for four Invasive Plant workshops and eradication sessions. All sessions will be held on Saturday mornings from 9 - 12. The River Stewards will be encouraged to attend these sessions. Jim Buchok moved to accept the proposal and Alison Jassen seconded. It passed unanimously.

2. Water Quality Monitoring

Water Quality Monitoring is ongoing. Loggers are being swapped out and data is being downloaded. Summer monitoring will begin in May.

FRWA submitted a proposal for **\$4224.00** to perform the first nutrient assessment of the Farmington River watershed in relation to cyanobacteria blooms on Rainbow Reservoir in Windsor, CT. The study aims to analyze nutrient levels (phosphorus and various nitrogen-containing sources upstream and downstream from eight (8) wastewater treatment plants along the Farmington and its tributaries. This will be the first comprehensive nutrient assessment studies done on the river. Alison Jassen moved to approve the proposal and Roger seconded. The motion passed with Laura H. abstaining.

3. Land Protection/Grants

No land protection grants were received.

4. Culverts

Ratlum Brook Culvert site visit was scheduled for a site visit on April 10 with TU, FRTU, Town of New Hartford, CT DEEP, FRWA, and FRCC.

Matt G. reported that DOT is using flexible baffles to repair culverts on Rt 20 just up from Hogback Road.