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Minutes
Resource Stewardship subcommittee
Wednesday, November 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), DEEP (Matt Gocowski, Representative), FRWA (Kaitlin Cole, Alternate)

Agenda:

1. Invasive Species Management

All Habitat has submitted a quote for removal of invasive species from Nepaug State Forest along Ramp Road. The quote divides the project into two sections, North and South, along Ramp Road that are approximately 3,420 linear feet and 3,400 linear feet in length and about 20 feet in width on both sides of the road. The quoted amount for each section is \$7,850 for each section. The primary target invasive plant species for control is climbing Oriental bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*) vines. Other invasive plant species that may be targeted during treatment include autumn olive (*Elaeagnus umbellata*), shrub honeysuckles (*Lonicera* spp.), Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*), multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*), privet (*Ligustrum* spp.), and winged euonymus (*Euonymus alatus*). The removal method involves cut and paint using an herbicide with the active ingredient triclopyr in a butyl ethoxy ester (BEE) formulation such as Garlon4 Ultra® mixed in a methylated seed oil carrier.

The committee voted to approve \$7850 for the removal of invasives from the Northern section – the most upstream section in this fiscal year and if we have money to approve treatment of the next section in the following fiscal year. Alison Jassen moved to approve the treatment and Laura H. seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

2. Water Quality Monitoring

Summer monitoring has concluded, and reports are being compiled and written.

FRWA has received a grant from DEEP to develop a management plan for the Still and Mad Rivers. Best Management Practices (BMP) will be developed and implemented with partners.

3. Land Protection/Grants

No land protection grants were received.

4. Others: Continuing/new

- a. Grenier Sandy Brook Dam Removal- The estimate for dam removal is \$75000. In the meantime, the owner is facilitating upstream passage by releasing any Brook Trout that he catches below the dam upstream of the dam.
- b. Redd surveys- Surveys are progressing although there is a lack of volunteers. TU is looking for volunteers.