



## FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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### Notes from Resource Stewardship Subcommittee meeting

4/6/21 6:30 PM

(Held Via Zoom)

**Attendance:** Alison Murdock (NH), Matt Goclowski (DEEP), Laura Hart (FRWA), Lans Perry (Canton), Andrew Petitdemange (NPS), Susan Peterson (DEEP).

- 1. Invasives Management:** Andrew reported that he continues reviewing past work and is trying to work with Betsy to firm up plans for this year.
- 2. Still River Watershed Assessment:** Nothing new at this time.
- 3. Water Quality Monitoring:** Laura noted that last month's report is still accurate. Monitoring will be done and lab availability should improve in the future.
- 4. Land Protection:** Winchester Land Trust's request for \$3,000 to survey the Highview Drive property was discussed and unanimously endorsed. RS Subcommittee urges approval of \$3,000 grant by full FRCC.
- 5. Stream Crossing Surveys:** Laura reported that 2 interns are returning to FRWA in early Spring to work on water quality monitoring, stream crossing surveys, and potentially other projects. If water flowrates are within required range to get good data then the last of the New Hartford surveys (about 10 more) will be completed early and Canton surveys will begin.
- 6. Upper Watershed Resilience:** Brief discussion of topic. Nothing specific to report.
- 7. West River Road Project:** West River Road Project construction can't start until design and permitting is complete and adequate funds are available. Susan was selected as DEEP representative to administer the STEAP Grant that Barkhamsted was awarded and noted that progress is being made but there are more steps to complete and the CTAG must review paperwork before Barkhamsted will have funds available from the STEAP Grant.
- 8. East River Road:** Nothing new from Barkhamsted or DOT. Andrew urged us all to use the resources presented at last year's River Access Training and will try to develop a plan for an event to study the ERR area.
- 9. New Hartford Gorge Skyway:** Andrew noted that proposed additional federal funding may accelerate New Hartford's trail plans and urged RS and FRCC to make clear to the Town of New Hartford that we will not accept any trail proposal involving construction within the gorge. NPS and CT DEEP would review and likely ultimately reject any such plans if they were developed. To avoid additional wasted effort and funds New Hartford should formally abandon any plans involving construction in the Gorge. Perry offered to deliver that message to New Hartford First Selectman Jerram and RS Subcommittee urges a letter be sent by FRCC to New Hartford to reiterate our position.
- 10.** Matt brought up the old mill site and canal from the Riverton Paper Plant and noted that Hartland and Barkhamsted Historical groups were considering an interpretive trail on the premises. Matt discussed possible projects to enhance the canal as brook trout spawning habitat.
- 11.** Laura brought up the matter of watercourse alteration and shade removal on Hogback Road in Hartland just up from Rt 20.

Adjourned at 7:03PM.