



FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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Notes from Resource Stewardship Subcommittee meeting

2/2/21

(Held Via Zoom)

Attendance: Alison Murdock (NH), Matt Goclowski (DEEP), Laura Hart (FRWA), Lans Perry (Canton), Liz Lacy (NPS)

Absent: Susan Peterson (DEEP), Mark Swenson (FRAA)

- 1. Invasives Management:** Liz Lacy reported that there was little to update for Invasives Management. Betsy Corrigan to be working more with Trout Unlimited this year.
- 2. Still River/Stream Crossings/Other:** Laura Hart reported that 2 interns would be returning to FRWA this May to work on stream crossing surveys and potentially other projects. Hart said that 2 other interns would likely be hired that would start in June. These interns will work on the cyanobacteria (blue green algae) problem in Rainbow Reservoir– monitoring and assessment. Hart also discussed looking into NWCD for potential projects that would further the Still River watershed project. The NWCD does not have availability to work on any joint projects currently. She mentioned that she had discussed issues of erosion on Sandy Brook with Jen Perga. The CT Envirothon is focusing on runoff this year but she was uncertain as to any involvement there.
- 3. WQM:** Hart requested that FRCC contribute to sending Alisa Phillips Griggs/FRWA WQM and potentially herself to virtual conferences coming up. These include National Monitoring, NE Aquatic Biologists, CT Conf on Natural Resources and Outdoor Ed. **The total for all will be \$455 and the subcommittee recommends funding at least half of that depending on the Lower Farmington contribution.** Hart said that Phillips Griggs will be presenting WQM report to the full committee in upcoming months.
- 4. Other:** Referred to the email sent around from Barkhamsted requesting an additional \$10,000 be added to the grant for the West River Rd riverbank stabilization project. The funds would be added to the towns funds, in-kind contributions, and a state grant for \$120,000 plus for construction costs. **The RS subcommittee recommends funding this.**
- 5. Subcommittee business:** Lans Perry suggested that the RS subcommittee work on its structure and function to improve efficiency and effectiveness. Perry will step in as Chair of the RS subcommittee to assist with some of the structural aspects of the group. The subcommittee discussed making sure that notes are kept and distributed soon after meetings – as well as having an agenda put together as part of the meeting notice that Laura Hart sends out. Hart to support this as well. Lacy discussed the deeper intention of the RS subcommittee as one to oversee, enhance and monitor the outstanding resources that FRCC is in place to protect. Projects that the subcommittee take on should be in the annual work plan and timelines in place to make sure of completion.

Addenda:

Resource Stewardship - Lead and cooperatively support actions that directly relate to long-term protection and improvement of the upper Farmington River and its outstandingly remarkable fisheries, recreation, wildlife/habitat, and historic values. Activities include:

- 1) Develop FRCC proposals and review outside proposals and oversee projects having to do with the river's outstandingly remarkable resources (for example, water quality monitoring, riverbank stabilization, habitat restoration, land conservation);

- 2) Review permit applications and help establish conditions when appropriate;
- 3) Review grant applications for resource-related projects and oversee projects funded;
- 4) Develop FRCC policies that address resource protection (i.e., land conservation, water quality);
- 5) Provide technical assistance to partners when appropriate;
- 6) Provide advocacy and funding recommendations to full committee when necessary.

Template for RS subcommittee agendas:

Refer to annual 2020 work plan:

- 1) Invasive Plant Management
- 2) Still River Watershed Assessment
- 3) Water Quality Monitoring
- 4) Land Protection
- 5) Stream Crossing Surveys
- 6) Upper Watershed Resilience
- 7) Others:
 - Grant: West River Road Streambank stabilization
 - East River Road – potential one way/discontinuance/run off issues/bank issues