



FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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Minutes from Resource Stewardship Subcommittee Meeting

5/4/21 6:30 PM

(Held Via Zoom)

Attendance: Susan Peterson (DEEP), Matt Gocłowski (DEEP), Laura Hart (FRWA), Lans Perry (Canton), Andrew Petitdemange (NPS), Alison Jassen (Colebrook).

1. Alison reported on the Winchester Waste Water Treatment Facility regarding chlorine, pointing out that the state does not allow chlorination from November 1 through March 31 at this location. Lans and Susan discussed. Alison will follow up with the facility and will discuss with Susan.
2. **Invasives Management:** Andrew reported on Betsy's written report. Emphasis on outreach and working with other groups in the area. Andrew plans to meet with Betsy and visit the invasive plant management sites. Lans asked subcommittee to review Betsy's report. Laura reported that FRWA has begun invasive management on the FRWA property at Farmington River Turnpike in New Hartford.
3. **Water Quality Monitoring:** Laura noted that the HOBO's (continuous stream-temperature loggers) will be switched out this month and the year's data reviewed. Supplies are being ordered for the bacteria monitoring on the Upper Farmington River section, with sampling to begin in June.
4. **Land Protection:** Awaiting a full committee vote on the Winchester Land Trust survey request of \$3,000 – the subcommittee's recommended supporting this at the 4/6/21 meeting.
5. **Stream Crossing Surveys:** Laura reported interns began surveying in the last two weeks of April in New Hartford, will be finishing up New Hartford and compiling a report for the Town. They are planning routes in Cherry Brook to be surveyed next.
6. **Hogback Road violation:** Laura reported that the Town has not yet received an application from the contractor. CT DEEP (Brian Golembiewski) will be assessing the work at the site for potential violation under the state's Water Diversion Act. Cori Rose of the Army Corps has done an initial review of the site and says it appears the activity could have triggered their regulatory jurisdiction. Laura has sent more information to the Army Corps. The Town's next Inland Wetland's meeting is May 12th. Matt visited the site and saw the larger boulders lining the stream. He offered to be involved in the reconstruction of the stream channel. Matt asked if FRWA has or will be monitoring the water quality at that location. FRWA hopes to monitoring the stream, but would need land-owner permission to access the location. Lans noted gravel mining in the area (neighbors) in the past.
7. **Riverton pollution issue:** Laura reported pollution coming from the Riverton Inn into the Farmington River. Susan reported that Chris Bellucci (CT DEEP Water Planning and Management Division) has investigated the pollution and it may be a fungal mat, investigation continues to determine what the pollution is.
8. **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 it is still under internal DEEP review.
9. **East River Road:** Nothing new to report.

Adjourned at 7:10PM.