



## FARMINGTON RIVER COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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### Notes from Resource Stewardship Subcommittee meeting

6/1/21 6:30 PM

(Held Via Zoom)

**Attendance:** Dan Bowler (Hartland), Alison Jassen (Colebrook), Alison Murdock (NH), Matt Goclowski (DEEP), Laura Hart (FRWA), Lans Perry (Canton), Susan Peterson (DEEP).

- 1. Invasives Management:** Andrew Petidemange (NPS) was unable to attend the meeting but has reported that he has been working with Betsy Corrigan reviewing past work and firming up plans for this year.
- 2. Water Quality Monitoring:** Perry noted that Alisa's presentation at the May meeting of the full committee had comprehensively covered this topic.
- 3. Land Protection:** The request for a grant of \$10,000 from CT-AES for the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid control program was discussed and endorsed. Concerns about possible unintended ecological impacts were recognized as legitimate and, after due consideration, we concluded we should defer to the experts who have studied this issue for decades and should go along with their ideas at this time. The availability of the full \$10,000 from our budget was a concern deferred to the full committee. Full funding may not be needed if supplies are not available to purchase and this issue was delegated to Bowler who will check in with the grant applicant immediately prior to the June full committee meeting. Laura Hart discussed FRWA's GIS mapping capabilities and urged that FRCC avail itself of such services on a contract basis as they are needed. We agreed to mull over how GIS could assist FRCC and to discuss in the future.
- 4. Stream Crossing Surveys:** Laura Hart reported that summer staff have returned to FRWA and completed New Hartford stream crossing survey fieldwork tasks. A report on the New Hartford work is being prepared and reviewed that will be available soon. Next up is Cherry Brook starting in Canton.
- 5. Hartland Inland Wetlands Violation:** Brief discussion of topic. Issue is now well known to regulators and thus does not seem to demand further FRCC intervention to be resolved. Orders to study and restore the site have been issued and more will be forthcoming. Matt Goclowski noted he visited site with cognizant DEEP experts. USACOE has sent letter to responsible parties demanding information and action. Local Hartland town agency is following up as well.
- 6. West River Road Project:** Susan Peterson reported paperwork is still pending before Barkhamsted will have funds available from the STEAP Grant.
- 7. Riverton Pollution Issue:** Nothing new at time of meeting. Susan Peterson agreed to reach out to cognizant DEEP Waste contact. [After the meeting Susan did send out a note on the issue]
- 8. New Hartford Gorge Trail:** Perry briefly discussed issues and his efforts to draft an appropriate letter to the New Hartford Trails Committee setting forth the issues as seen by FRCC. A general discussion followed. Letter draft should be available soon for discussion at a future full committee meeting.

Adjourned at 7:15PM.