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Notes from Resource Stewardship Subcommittee meeting 6/7/22 6:30 PM (Held Via Zoom)

Attendance: Alison Jassen (Colebrook), Roger Behrens (Barkhamsted), Laura Hart (FRWA), Lans Perry (Canton), Susan Peterson (DEEP), Alison Murdock (New Hartford), Matt Goclowski (DEEP)

FRWA Camera Project for Lily Frey Area ---- \$700.00 Funding Request: Enthusiastically supported by all.

Hogback Road Wetlands Violation: Local and State agencies are continuing their efforts to bring about resolution. No RSSC action required at this time.

Invasives Management: Hart mentioned Petitdemange and volunteers plan to work with Betsy to remove Phragmites from a tributary flowing into the Greenwoods Pond area. Control methods not known yet. Behrens noted John Anderson had experience in this work as well.

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Control: Releases went as expected in mid-May.

Culverts: Preparatory training and mentor-guided field work will begin again soon. Jassen sought input regarding a couple of culverts that Colebrook plans to replace and will get actual locations so Hart and Goclowski can check records and offer ideas.

Water Quality Monitoring: Hart noted FRWA is collecting samples as usual and also from added sites on Cherry Brook with help from FRCC funding. FRWA is using lab at Simsbury POTW. New interns being trained and gaining experience.

West River Road Project: Peterson reported on the Town of Barkhamsted - STEAP Grant Project – W. Branch Farmington River – Riverbank Restoration, Due to permitting process, it is not anticipated that construction of project will start until next year. Discussed project contract expiration date (currently 6-30-23). Susan suggested that the Town wait until permitting is completed before requesting an extension because will have better idea of timeframe then.)

Hart will distribute a National W+S report on In-Stream Flow Protection that mentions our river. <u>https://www.rivers.gov/documents/instream-flow-protection-strategies.pdf</u>

Adjourned 7:12PM.