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Minutes
Resource Stewardship subcommittee
Tuesday, July 2, 2024, 4:30 PM
Zoom

Attendance: Colebrook (Alison Jassen, Representative, R/S Subcommittee Chair), Representative), DEEP (Susan Peterson, Alternate), FRWA (Laura Hart, Representative), Barkhamsted (Roger Behrens, Alternate and Committee Chair), New Hartford (Alison Murdock, Representative)

1) Invasive Plant Management

Laura has been in contact with Jerry Milne, DEEP forester. He has provided a map to indicate specifically where invasive plant removal should be targeted along West River Road near American Legion State Forest. He identified several species that need to be targeted. Since the area extends 6800 ft, more than a mile, and 15 feet wide. The invasives removal project will likely be ongoing over several years. Laura suggested that we begin with bittersweet. A map is provided. The committee’s preference is that the invasives be removed using manual removal and if herbicides are necessary – cut and paint. Jerry Milne provided a list of approved contractors who do invasive plant removal. Laura will contact companies and request bids.

2) Water Quality Monitoring

Water quality monitoring is ongoing.

Land Protection/Grants

No Land Protection grants have been received.

5) Culverts

A second letter of noncompliance was sent to the homeowner by the Army Corps with a threat of fines.

Others: Continuing/New

Lower Collinsville Dam:

There will a hearing on the Dam removal this evening (July 2). Laura plans to attend along with others from FRWA and FRCC members.

West River Road Bank Stabilization Project:

Princeton Hydro feels badly that the project was not able to be completed. They have stated that they are willing to assist with the grant writing if the town can identify any possible grant funding sources. Susan will share a list of possible grant sources and Roger will talk to the first selectman.