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**Minutes**  
**Resource Stewardship subcommittee**  
**Tuesday, August 8, 2024, 4:30 PM**  
**Zoom**

**Attendance:** Colebrook (Alison Jassen, Representative, R/S Subcommittee Chair), Representative), FRWA (Laura Hart, Representative), New Hartford (Alison Murdock, Representative), Trout Unlimited (Jim Buchok, Representative)

**1) Invasive Plant Management**

Laura has received a quote from All-Habitat Service. The cost is lower than \$10,000 which means that we are not required to get three bids. The committee recommends that the bid be accepted and that we authorize All-Habitat to remove bittersweet using pull and cut and paint methods, after all approvals from CT DEEP are completed, as this funding comes from our budget line item for invasive species removal.

**2) Water Quality Monitoring**

Water quality monitoring is ongoing. Laura noted that Morgan Brook temperatures are quite high (approximately 24 C ~ 76 degrees F). Jim B. is concerned because Morgan Brook is a Class 1 Wild Trout stream. Water temperatures in Riverton are at 14 degrees Celsius which is the normal cold-water level and not a concern. The water releases by USACE from Colebrook Dam are helping to moderate the temperature in Riverton.

**Land Protection/Grants**

No Land Protection grants have been received, but the money requested from New Hartford last year is likely to be reimbursed soon.

**5) Culverts**

A second letter of noncompliance has been sent to the homeowner in Hartland by the Army Corps with a threat of fines. There has not been any response. Notes left at the house are still there.

Others: Continuing/New

**Herbicide spraying near guardrails on West River Road**

Jim noted that Barkhamsted is spraying herbicide (likely glyphosate) on West River Road near guardrails. Alison noted that Colebrook and other towns do this because mowers can't be used near guardrails. Jim will talk with Roger to get more information.

**RS Meeting Time Change**

Alison cannot attend RS meetings on Tuesday at 4:30 or 4:00 pm this fall. Laura will send out a message to see if changing meeting time to Wednesday at 4:30 is possible. Those attending this RS meeting indicated that this time change will work.