

## Saxtons River Watershed Collaborative

### 2/18/19 Minutes

1:00 - 3:00pm

At Main Street Arts, 35 Main Street, Saxtons River, VT

Attending: Margo Ghia (WCNRCD), Gloria Cristelli (SeVWA), Cathy Siano-Goodwin (Grafton Select Board), Peter Bergstrom (Rockingham Conservation Commission)

#### Stream Table Workshop for Educators

- March 14, 2019 from 3:45-6:30pm at the Bellows Falls Middle School
- See the attached Press Release & Flier.
- Marie Caduto is leading the workshop
- Margo is sending out/sent out the press release and flier to local papers, curriculum coordinators for districts in Windham County, directly to educators in WNESU.

#### Buffer Project Updates

- Margo submitted a grant application through the Trees for Streams program of the NRCD for the Trayhan and Town Pond properties in Grafton. We will know the status of the applications by the end of February.
- Margo will send the final applications to Cathy, who will be bringing the proposal to the Grafton Select Board. Both parcels are owned by the Town of Grafton
  - Ways town can support the project
    - Motion to move forward with the planting
    - Agreement from Town to not remove the planting for up to 10 years
    - Help dig holes (with an auger?)
    - Provide a pile of soil to be used with the trees in the holes
- Margo will follow up with licensed applicators to discuss Rodeo as a possible solution for the knotweed on the bank.

#### Invasives Workshop/Program for Spring

- Two proposals for a Spring program were laid out by Margo - one focusing on Japanese Knotweed and the other a Terrestrial Invasives program. Because we are a watershed group, the group wanted to focus the program on **Best Management Practices for Japanese Knotweed**.
- Margo will share a Best Management Practices guide with the group.
- Margo will reach out to Black River Action Team and Brattleboro Conservation Commission about the program. Both groups have expressed interest in partnering or are offering a program.
- April program date - recommendation to do it on a Saturday or Sunday during the day and not necessarily an evening program
- Margo is researching and will get a speaker. If you have any suggestions, reach out to her.