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Call to Order
Meeting was called to order at 7:10.
Attending: John Anderson, Libby Borden, Becky Eaton, Nash Pradhan
Absent: Susannah Wood, Bill Ticineto
Members of the public: Billy Gridley

Approval of Minutes
John Anderson noted errors.
Action item: John to meet with Becky Eaton to make revisions.

Correspondence
No correspondence to report.

Budget and Expenses
Nothing to report.

Public Comment
Billy Gridley thanked the committee for its bittersweet efforts on Winchester Road along Aton Forest property

Invasive Plant Management and Native Planting
Botelle School - Becky Eaton reported that the project continues to be stuck. Discussion of next steps with advice of Nash Pradhan..
Action item: Becky to meet with Henry and Troy to arrange for weed whacking and wood chip delivery,.
Mugwort embankment - solution to potential erosion still not settled. Nash Pradhan reported that state left tree trunks along North St. as potential barriers.

Action item: Becky to follow up with DPW for pick up.
More invasive work ahead at Botelle. Discussed development of a maintenance plan for school grounds.

Roadside Invasives -
Becky Eaton reported on Native Habitat spraying knotweed on roadsides. Unfortunately landscaper for property owner on Mountain Road cut knotweed (one week post spraying) which will limit the effectiveness of the treatment. John Anderson recommended signage for spraying.

Becky reported meeting with Stacy Deming at HVA (Housatonic Valley River Association) for ways to organize data collected by Sophia Nathanson using Epi Collect this past summer. Action item: John Anderson to meet with Becky Eaton to follow up.

Becky reported on the bittersweet volunteer efforts on Winchester Rd. Work will continue on dates TBA in early November. Nash Pradhan pointed out the bittersweet problem down town on chain link fence behind the post office. This has been raised in the past as another possible volunteer event.

Becky reported on Jeff Ward's workshop at GMF. Recommendation to treat roadside stiltgrass near culverts and streams. Discussion followed on best method to treat focusing on vinegar and pre-emergent. Estimates needed to make a decision.

Norfolk Nature Alliance
Nothing reported.

Rails to Trails
John Anderson reported on grants and delay of start date for project.

Road Salt Testing
Nothing reported.

2026 Presentation/Outreach

Invasive Plant Workshop scheduled on date of CACWIC conference. Workshop to be rescheduled.
Action Item: Becky to follow up on possible dates with Jess Toro.

New Business
Discussion of position on the use of chemicals postponed to a meeting with the full group.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Eaton