



Squan-*a*-Tissit NEWS

*News from our chapter of Trout Unlimited.
Champions of sport and conservation on two northeastern Massachusetts
trout watersheds: The Squannacook & The Nissitissit .*

Oct 20, 2025

Chapter Meeting Todd Richards, MDFW

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Join us for a conversation on Fishing Management in Massachusetts with Todd Richards MassWildlife Assist. Director of Fisheries.

Note date change: The meeting is this coming Monday, Oct 20 7-8 pm at the Pepperell Christian Fellowship, 17 Main St, Pepperell

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Squan-a-Tissit Chapter Notes

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Hello fellow TU chapter members and friends,

Autumn is upon us—take time to get out and enjoy the remaining warm days and fall colors !
And join us this coming Monday for our first TU Chapter Meeting of 2025/26 !

Todd Richards, Assistant Director of Fisheries for MassWildlife, will be the speaker at the meeting. This will be a great opportunity to learn about Fisheries Management in Massachusetts and ask any questions you may have, for example, on topics such as proposed new fishing regulations, Catch & Release areas, trout stocking, and MassWildlife fisheries research, and more.

Doors open at 6:30 and the chapter meeting starts at 7:00. The chapter will be providing pizza and drinks.

TU Chapter meetings are open to the public, and anyone may attend. See you there !



Want to help with a small donation to the Squan-a-Tissit Chapter?



Squan-a-Tissit Calendar of Events

OCT

BOD Meeting, Mon May 6 @ 7 PM,
Location: Zoom Meeting,

Water-quality monitoring, Wed Oct 15

Chapter Meeting, Mon Oct 21 @ 7 PM
Location: Pepperell Christian Fellowship
17 Main St., Pepperell

NOV

BOD Meeting, Mon Nov 10 @ 7 PM,
Location: Zoom Meeting

Chapter Meeting, Mon Nov 24 @ 7 PM
Location: Pepperell Christian Fellowship
17 Main St., Pepperell

DEC

BOD Meeting, Mon Dec 8 @ 7 PM,
Location: Zoom Meeting,

Chapter Meeting, Mon, Dec 15@ 7 PM
Location: Pepperell Christian Fellowship
17 Main St., Pepperell

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Chapter members) is asked to please
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Sucker Brook Wild Brook Trout Research PIT tag (Passive Integrated Transponder tag) project

Chapter members had a busy summer assisting MDFW:

- electrofishing and PIT tagging brook trout ...





Wild Brook Trout Research project (contin.)

- Visiting stations to download data on fish movement...





Wild Brook Trout Research project (contin.)

- and working on the solar panels and datalogger equipment.





Swift River Wild Brook Trout Research project

Chapter members also joined Pioneer Valley TU to assist MDFW with two days of electrofishing and PIT tagging on the Swift River





Swift River Wild Brook Trout Research project (contin.)





Witches/Flints Brook Water-Quality Monitoring

The water-quality monitoring team sampled each month throughout the summer. Having additional members join the monitoring team made a huge difference in the monitoring this year !



Fly of the Month



Fly: Zebra midge

Hook: Tiemco TMC 2488 Size 18 (or similar)

Bead: 5/64 inch Silver Cyclops Eye Bead

Thread: Black Danville's 6/0 Fly Master

Rib: Extra-Small Silver UTC Ultra-Wire

Thorax: Fine Black Dubbing (or color of choice)

Fly pattern source:

https://www.stoneriveroutfitters.com/tbt_zebra_midge

Natural source:

<https://www.mtfa-springfield.org/resources/fly-tying-recipes-patterns/midges-26-patterns/gilled-midge-pupa-brown/>

The Zebra Midge imitates a midge pupa ascending to the surface to emerge.



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Any amount can be given above regular membership as an additional gift to help Trout Unlimited promote coldwater conservation.

Trout Unlimited is a 501c(3) organization. Membership fees and other contributions to TU and the local chapter are tax exempt to the extent allowable by law.

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Photo: Swift River

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Squan-a-Tissit Back Pages

Photo: Under the tracks on the Deerfield

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Photo: EPT (mayfly, stonefly, caddis) on the Deerfield

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Trout Unlimited - Our Vision

*By the next generation, Trout Unlimited
will ensure that robust populations of native and wild coldwater fish
once again thrive within their North American range, so that
our children can enjoy healthy fisheries in their home waters.*

Monthly Meeting

The Squan-a-Tissit Chapter of Trout Unlimited holds monthly meetings for chapter members and guests, typically on the fourth Monday of each month (Oct. through May) at the Pepperell Christian Fellowship (PCF) Hall, 17 Main Street, Pepperell, MA (Next to the Lawrence Library).

Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. However, members and guests are encouraged to arrive earlier and participate in informal fly-tying. Bring your own vice and materials.

Meeting confirmation/updates are sent via email and posted on Facebook and the Chapter website and include on-line meeting attendance information.

Directions

From Rt. 3: Take the Rt. 113 Exit (Tyngsboro, Dunstable) and proceed west on Rt. 113, 9.2 miles, through Dunstable and into Pepperell. At the traffic circle take the 2nd exit onto Main Street. The PCF Hall will be located on the left side.

From Rt. 495: Take the Rt. 119 Exit (Littleton Common) and proceed west on Rt. 119, 9 miles, through Groton and into Pepperell. Turn right onto Rt. 111, and proceed 2.7 miles. At the traffic circle take the 3rd exit onto Main Street. The PCF Hall will be located on the left side.

From Rt. 2: Take the Rt. 111 Exit (Ayer, Harvard, Clinton) and proceed north on Rt. 111, approximately 12 miles (total, to the Pepperell rotary), through Ayer and Groton to Pepperell. Route 111 merges with Rt. 119 in Groton. Once in Pepperell, Rt. 111 bears to the right (off of Rt. 119). Turn right onto Rt. 111 and proceed 2.7 miles. At the traffic circle take the 3rd exit onto Main Street. The PCF Hall will be located on the left side.