



# 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 .*

JANUARY, 2026

## Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, Jan 27 at 6:30 at the Lawrence Library:

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Join us to view the Atlantic Salmon Federation film ***SCALE of CHANGE– Together for Atlantic Salmon***

The film explores how individual actions, no matter how small, can lead to monumental transformations for Atlantic salmon.

One person restores a river system. Another removes a dam. Each action is a drop in the bucket, but together, those drops fill it—creating a ripple effect of change that, while not always immediately visible, holds the power to shape the future. If we believe in that shared vision, and have hope, we can make a meaningful difference.



## Squan-a-Tissit Chapter Notes

### Squan-a-Tissit Chapter Contacts:

#### Officers:

*President*  
John Deery

*Vice President*  
Michael Lauritzen

*Treasurer*  
Tom Burke

*Secretary*  
Tim McDaniel

#### Directors:

Dave Armstrong

Chip Detwiller

Steve Hogan

Scott Hraba

Jim Nugent

Jan Polex

Kirk Reynolds

Michael Rosser

Russ Schott

*Chapter website*  
[squanatissit.org](http://squanatissit.org)

Hello fellow TU chapter members and friends,

Happy 2026 !

Winter is upon us ! Let's hope that this winter's snowstorms translate into plentiful water in our rivers this coming spring.

The chapter is planning for an annual dinner this spring on March 28. Put the date in your calendar now !

**Note:** the date, time, and meeting location for the January chapter meeting has changed because of the pending snowstorm. The meeting will be held on Tuesday January 27 at 6:30 at the Lawrence Library. 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

### JAN

**BOD Meeting, Mon Jan 12 @ 7 PM,**  
Location: Zoom Meeting

**Chapter Meeting, Tue Jan 27 @ 6:30 PM**  
Location: Lawrence Library  
15 Main St., Pepperell

### FEB

**BOD Meeting, Mon Feb 9 @ 7 PM,**  
Location: Zoom Meeting,

**Chapter Meeting, Mon, Feb 23 @ 7 PM**  
Location: Pepperell Christian Fellowship  
17 Main St., Pepperell

### MAR

**BOD Meeting, Mon Mar 9 @ 7 PM,**  
Location: Zoom Meeting,

**Chapter Meeting, Mon, Feb 23 @ 7 PM**  
Location: Pepperell Christian Fellowship  
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### JAN 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

### FEB 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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### MAR 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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**Stay current! Sign up!**  
**Everyone (especially Squan-a-Tissit**  
**Chapter members) is asked to please**  
**sign up for our**  
**[Email announcement list](#)**



## Squan-a-Tissit Chapter

### Chapter Elections

The following is a list of current Squan-a-Tissit officers and BOD members

<b><u>Chapter Officers</u></b>	<b>2026</b>
President	John Deery
Vice President	Michael Lauritzen
Secretary	Tim McDaniel
Treasurer	Tom Burke
<b>Board of Directors</b>	<b>2026</b>
Director	Dave Armstrong
Director	Chip Detwiller
Director	Steve Hogan
Director	Scott Hraba
Director	Jim Nugent
Director	Jan Poley
Director	Kirk Reynolds
Director	Michael Rosser
Director	Russ Schott

<b>Other Roles</b>	<b>2026</b>
Newsletter	Dave Armstrong
MA Council Delegate	Tim McDaniel
Financial Reviewer	John Deery
Website	Paul Apgar
Annual dinner	Jan Poley
Social Media	TBD
On-line Auction	TBD



*The agenda for the January chapter meeting is below:*

## **AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY CHAPTER MTG**

**Tuesday, January 27, 6:30**

**Lawrence Library, 15 Main St, Pepperell**

- **CHAPTER BUSINESS (6:30)**

Pizza !

- Burke's Dam – Michael Rosser
- PIT Tagging update – Michael Rosser
- Learn to Fly Fish (Chapter)– Chip Detwiller/John Deery  
Instructors, Giveaways (hats??, flies??)  
Food, AM Coffee/donuts, lunch
- Learn to Fly Fish (@ NRWA )– John Deery
- Day on the River Colombo area  
Date May 23rd (rain or shine) 9:00 – 2:00 (or whenever)  
Food (??), Tent (??), Other
- Banquet: Pepperell Grange Hall, March 28th  
Raffle items, Auction  
Admission Tickets, Food  
Set-up/Take-down/Cleanup  
New Items ???
- **PRESENTATION (7:15):** Atlantic Salmon Federation documentary  
***SCALE of CHANGE– Together for Atlantic Salmon***
- Raffle (no cost)



## **Sucker Brook Wild Brook Trout Research PIT tag (Passive Integrated Transponder tag) project**

*Here are the latest communications from Adam Kautza, MDFW, and plans for work on the Wild Brook Trout Project:*

To: Squan-a-Tissit TU

From: Adam Kautza

I'm planning on doing antenna uploads/checks again next Thursday the 29th weather permitting. Starting at Keyes-Parker around 8:30.

The next visit will be Feb 18 or 19. During this time I'm also planning to bring the infrared camera and trying to find any groundwater springs or seeps in some of the accessible (unfrozen) sections of the brook.

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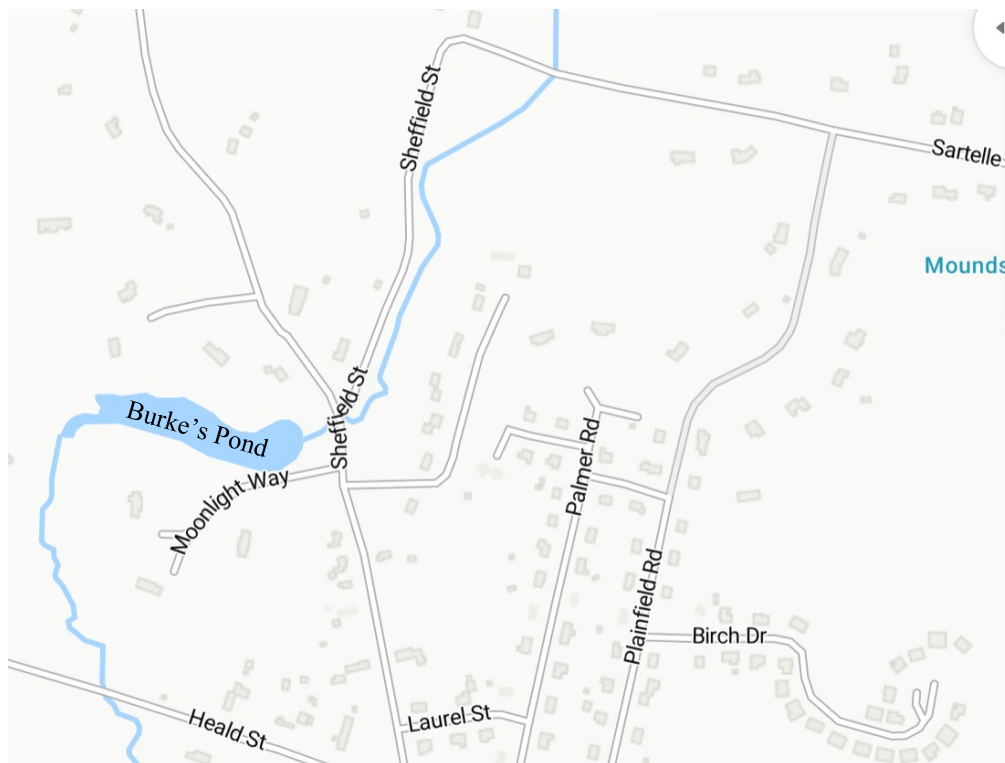


## Wild Brook Trout Research project Update

### **Burke's Pond Dam is Down!**

We (Trout Unlimited) have been working with a local coalition to remove the Burke's Pond Dam on Sucker Brook on Blood/Sheffield Street in Pepperell. The dam was privately owned, and its removal was key for a number of reasons including our Brook Trout restoration efforts.

The removal was completed on January 5th after approximately 3 weeks in the field. Come learn more about this effort at the upcoming meeting! Michael and Tim will be providing plenty of details. Very exciting and we'll have a full presentation at the spring dinner!







## **Wild Brook Trout Research project Update**

### **Burke's Pond Dam, before removal**





# Project



# Updates

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**Wild Brook Trout Research project Update**

**After dam removal**





There will be several locations around New England where one could travel to view the [Fly Fishing Film Tour](#) (see next page).



# **2026 Fly /Fishing Film Tour**

## **(contin,)**

### **February 20**

FOXBOROUGH, MA

Hosted by Bear's Den Fly Fishing Co

Marilyn Rodman Performing Aart Center

### **March 14**

SOMERVILLE, MA

Hosted by the Greater Boston Chapter of TU

Somerville Theater

### **March 28**

WALDOBORO, ME

Hosted by the Waldo Theater

The Waldo Theater

### **April 8**

DOVER, NH

Hosted by the Coastal Conservation Association

North Country Hard Cider Company

### **April 11**

WAITSFIELD, VT

Hosted by Trout Unlimited, Maddog chapter



# Fly of



# the Month

## Fly: Casual Dress

**Hook:** 12

**Thread** - dark or black

**Wings/tail:** muskrat fur  
and black peacock hurl.

From Jim Nugent:

First tied by Ernest "Polly" Rosenborough in the 40's or 50's. Two materials, muskrat fur and black peacock hurl. I subbed in black ice dub for the black peacock, Size 12 but they can be tid size 8 to 16. Used to imitate a dragonfly, stonefly, or other large nymphs.



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Fill out the name, address and other required fields and you are IN.

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:** Adam's dam, Squannacook River, Townsend, MA     D. Armstrong



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**Photo:** Site of old breached dam on Squannacook R just downstream of Bayberry Hill Br., Squannacook River, Townsend, MA D. Armstrong



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Squan-a-Tissit Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
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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).  
NOTE: THE DECEMBER CHAPTER MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 12/15

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.