



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.*

October, 2026

Chapter Meeting

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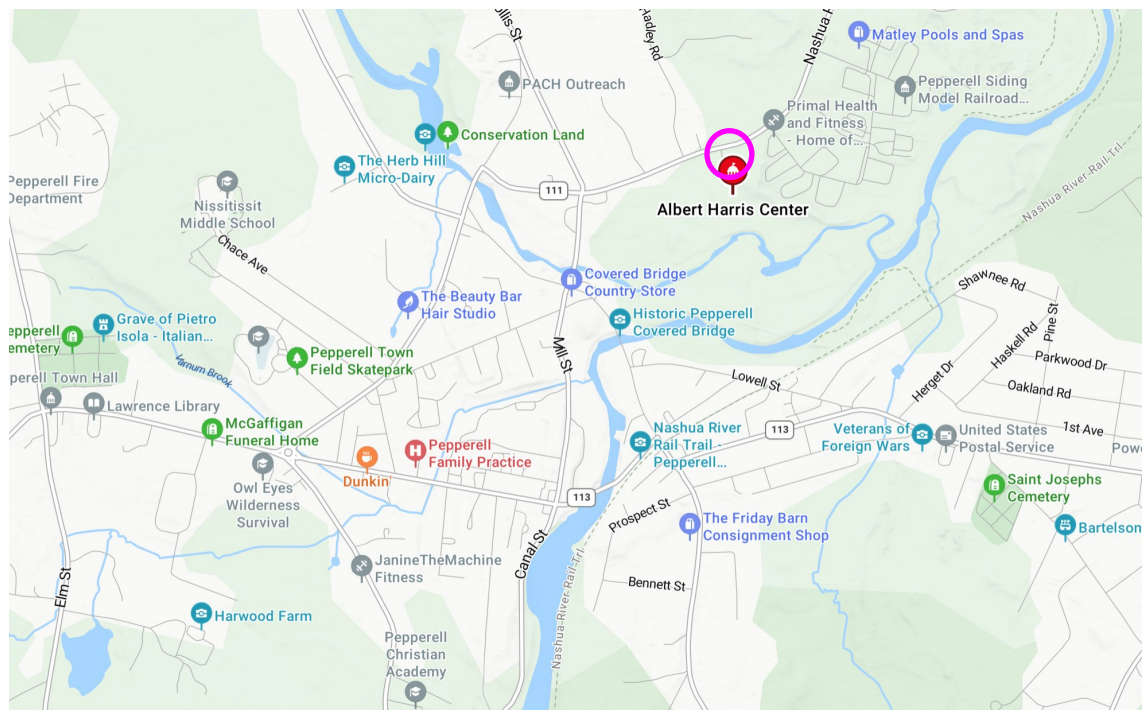
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**JOIN US for the October Chapter Meeting,
Wednesday, October 14 at 7 pm at the
Albert Harris Senior Center, 37 Nashua Road, Pepperell.**

We will review ongoing projects such as the Burkes Pond dam removal and the Brook Trout PIT tagging, and discuss new projects for the coming year.

NOTICE: CHANGE TO MONTHLY MEETING DATES AND LOCATION FOR 2027

Going forward, the Squan-a-Tissit Trout Unlimited Chapter will hold regular monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month (Nov-May), and Board of Director meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings will be held at the Albert Harris Senior Center, 37 Nashua Road, Pepperell



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Squan-a-Tissit Chapter Notes

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Hello fellow TU chapter members and friends,

Fall has arrived ! The recent rains have filled the rivers, and the Nissitissit and Squannacook Rivers have been stocked. Take some time to get out and enjoy the weather and get some fishing in !

Join us this coming Wednesday, Oct 14. We plan to get together, tell some tall tales of this summer's fishing, and plan the new year. 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

Chapter Meeting, Wed, Oct 14 @ 7 PM

Location: Pepperell Senior Center
37 Nashua Road, Pepperell

BOD Meeting, Tues, Oct 27 @ 7 PM,

Location: Zoom Meeting,

OCT

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NOV

Chapter Meeting, Tues, Nov 10 @ 7 PM

Location: Pepperell Senior Center
37 Nashua Road, Pepperell

BOD Meeting, Tues, Nov 24 @ 7 PM,

Location: Zoom Meeting,

NOV

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DEC

Chapter Meeting, Tues, Dec 8 @ 7 PM

Location: Pepperell Senior Center
37 Nashua Road, Pepperell

BOD Meeting, Tues, Dec 22 @ 7 PM,

Location: Zoom Meeting,

DEC

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2025/2026 RECAP

1. Day-on-the-River, Henry Colombo Area, Pepperell
2. Learn to Fly Fish Class, Nashua River Watershed Association, Groton
3. Sucker Brook, Burke's Pond Dam removal
4. Sucker Brook, Brook Trout PIT Tagging project
5. Water Quality Monitoring, Witches/Flints Brook, Hollis, NH

2026/2027 POTENTIAL PROJECTS

6. Tree Planting, Burke's dam, Thursday, October 15, 11 a.m.
7. Sucker Brook, Brookline St – Baffles
8. Sucker Brook, Sheffield St/Blood St culvert replacement
9. Sucker Brook, Sartell St. culvert replacement

2026/2027 ONGOING ACTIVITIES

10. Annual Banquet

TROUT UNLIMITED

Squan-a-Tissit TU supports the efforts of these allied non-profit organizations



<https://castingforrecovery.org/>

CfR provides healing outdoor retreats to enhance the lives of survivors and thrivers of breast cancer through wellness retreats that connect women to each other using the therapeutic sport of fly fishing and providing oncology medical and psychosocial support.



<https://projecthealingwaters.org/>

Project Healing Waters guides veterans in need to healing through camaraderie, connectedness, and fly fishing. Project Healing Waters helps active military service personnel and Veterans in need through a dedicated, developed curriculum of fly fishing, fly casting, fly tying, and fly rod building.



<https://themayflyproject.com/>

The Mayfly Project supports children in foster care through fly fishing and introduces them to their local water ecosystems, with a hope that connecting them to a rewarding hobby will provide an opportunity for foster children to have fun, build confidence, and develop a meaningful connection with the outdoors.

ADAM'S PARACHUTE



<https://themayflyproject.com/>

Adam's Parachute is dedicated to bringing the therapeutic benefits of fly fishing to the community of addiction and recovery. Through our free programs, we empower those in recovery from addiction, those working in the high-stress field of addiction care, and their loved ones to find healing, focus, and peace.

Fly of the Month



Fly: October Caddis

Hook: sizes 12 jig hook

Bead: 1/8 inch

Tail: light dun hackle fibers

Body: burnt orange dubbing

Wings: brown soft hebs hackle



Photo: Jim Nugent

Photo source:

<https://www.johnkreft.com/are-you-ready-for-october-caddis/>



Photo: Riverkeeper flies



JOIN TROUT UNLIMITED TODAY !

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: Squannacook River, in Sept

D. Armstrong



Email us your photos and fish tales to chapter@squanatissit.org
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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 Second Tuesday of each month (Oct. through May) at the Pepperell Senior Center, 37 Nashua Rd., Pepperell, MA.

Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. However, members and guests are encouraged to arrive earlier (6:30) 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 follow Rt. 111 north, and proceed 1 mile, The Pepperell Senior Center will be located on the right 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 2nd exit to stay on Rt 111, and proceed 1 mile, The Pepperell Senior Center will be located on the right 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 2nd exit to stay on Rt 111, and proceed 1 mile, The Pepperell Senior Center will be located on the right side.

Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/oFkn3ZMQR3Xre6YV8>