

### **State Restoration of Bowers Brook In Progress**

Many of you have followed the progress on the restoration of Bowers Brook to its pre-2023 flood channel in South Acworth Village through Selectmen's minutes and here in the Newsletter.

The Town is acting as the local partner to the State Departments of Transportation (DOT) and Environmental Services (DES). DES has provided wetlands permitting and DOT calculated the project budget. The Town interviewed local contractors and facilitated securing contracts.

On May 1 State funding for the project in the amount of \$371,000 was approved by the Governor's Council. With State funding in place, work has been scheduled to begin on May 20 and is expected to be completed within three weeks.

While the work will take place just above the South Acworth Bridge, no closure of NH Route 123A is anticipated.

Project funding provides for site monitoring during future high water for the next year.

Many volunteers have worked to make this project possible. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you, Kathi Bradt