



# WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS *Fly Fishermen*

146 Old Enfield Road, Belchertown, MA 01007

## Monday February 17, 2020 Meeting Notice

We will conduct our February meeting at 7:00 pm right after the Fly Tying Demo, at the Ludlow Elks Club, 69 Chapin Street in Ludlow MA. Hope you had a chance to drop in on the Fly Tying Classes on Thursday nights!

### Meeting Minutes:

- We appreciate all those members who are helping our Fly Tying “newbees” get off to a good start. We couldn’t do it without you.
- Treasurer’s report is available at the meeting. See Don Vacon.
- Our Bylaws are out for review by the officers and Board of Directors to finalize the document and distribute to all our members.
- Thank you Dan for tying some terrific flies at the meeting and describing their unique features and “fishability”!
- Kate Abbott, our guest speaker did a “DAM” good job and was very informative on the current status of dams in the North East and Massachusetts area. Mass has about 3000 dams powering mills, hydroelectric, and recreational purposes. There are about 14,000 dams in the North East. Most dams are over 100 years old. Main impact on cold water species is that dams contribute to increased water temperatures above and below the dams.

### Fly Tying Demo:

Dan will be demonstrating how to tie the following flies at our meeting on Monday night beginning before (7:00) the scheduled meeting. Thanks Dan.



#### USUAL

Hook - standard dry fly hook 16-10  
Thread - danville fl. fire orange  
Tail - snowshoe rabbit foot  
Body - snowshoe rabbit dubbing  
Wing - nat. snowshoe rabbit foot



#### SNOWSHOE EMERGER (HENDRICKSON)

Hook - standard dry 16-14  
TAIL - 3 strands uni brown 6/0 thread  
Body - uni brown 6/0 thread  
Thorax - Hendrickson pink dubbing  
Wing - nat. snowshoe rabbit foot



#### LITTLE BLACK STONEFLY NYMPH

Hook - standard nymph 16-20  
Antennae and tail - x-small black  
round rubber or silly legs black  
Body - black micro stretch tubing  
Thorax - black dubbing  
Legs - dark dun hackle  
Wing cover - mallard flank  
trimmed to shape and colored black

Guest Speaker: None scheduled. If you know of someone, please contact Harold Norman.

### Field Notes From Our Local Fly Fishers:

Be careful if you venture out on the ice, some spots are not as safe as they look! The Swift is seeing some good activity!