

Knot in Hyde Park Committee

Wednesday, March 13, 2024
Virtual Meeting 5:30 PM

MINUTES

In attendance: M Walz, W Lane, F Landrey, T Pearson, R Pearson, T Breese, E. Engler.

Discussion of the Watershed Grant Award. We received notice this week that it was partially funded for \$9,000 which is great news. We have provided Vt F&W with the required docs so we can receive the draft agreement. We have requested to be put on the Selectboard agenda for March 26. Next step is the required Terrestrial Invasive Plant permit application, deadline April 1. If there is possibility of extending permit application deadline that would allow the application to be more detailed/specific after site visit with licensed applicator, land-owner, etc. MW is looking into extension possibility and will schedule site visit with Licensed applicator at first opportunity. Otherwise, we must submit provisional application.

Ditto we discussed the follow-up to last year's pilot herbicide application. We don't yet know which of the 7 pilot sites require a follow-up treatment. If we cannot get a deadline-extension, we will file an application for "potential treatment" for all seven sights. Need to identify licensed applicator for the work.

The recycled billboard vinyls have been ordered with the balance of ARPA funds for the Gamble site. Expected delivery 15 March. These will suppress KW growth in the areas outside the goat fencing at Gamble.

MW reported that Mr. Burnor intends to bring his goats back to the site this season. Another goat-related invasive project was brought to our attention and we are seeking contact details to share experience/information.

Regarding this year's mowing season – RP will follow-up with M French about how plan for road-side mowing that will not spread KW.

Brief discussion re site specific work: Diggins (FL and EE) will devise plan; Centerville Culvert (after replacement last season – need to watch for KW there because there was a patch near the culvert that failed).

FPF posts – to find volunteers generally, for Centerville Culvert watch, G-up day.

Finally, discussion of potential hire for the season. Resumes have been received; interviews underway. FL agreed to do follow-up interviews after MW. Budget and fund-raising need to be worked out in more detail.