

# **Knot in Hyde Park Committee**

Wednesday, Sept 13, 2023

Virtual Meeting 5:30 PM

## **MINUTES**

In attendance: M Walz, T Pearson, W Lane.

Apologies: T Brease, F Landrey, R Pearson

WL reported on feedback from HP Home Day, where several people stopped at KiHP table and signed up to volunteer. She also reported a couple of patches on NHP Road, but these were known to MW. One site, the landowner likes the KW and brush cuts it once a year. They believe it has not grown over the years they have been there, though this seems unlikely. This site is NOT in the town ROW so does not pose risk of spread through roadworks (though it is in a swale, which could conceivably spread to properties down stream). The other site is on the Roadway and we should investigate it for management next season.

WL reported that one of the people who stopped to talk (also NHP Road) has a patch of KW in the middle of the woods. She was going to visit the site and assess it for management, give the landowner some advice on how to proceed.

She also wondered about another site on Centerville Road, near junction with Noyes Farm Road. MW said she had written twice to the landowner (email) and has never received a reply. We can try again next season to approach landowner. This patch is on Town ROW, but extends back into the property, so would only make sense manage comprehensively.

Winter projects for next year's HP Home Day:

- Develop some new handout materials and print some better pictures of KW throughout its life cycle.
- Large photo board filled with photos would be good
- QR code on Photo Board
- Possible 3<sup>rd</sup> bag of candy.

This year we did not have time to spend on preparing materials and it was missed.

We next discussed the upcoming pilot herbicide treatment. TP noted that the window for treatment is narrow and getting near closing. Oct 4 is avg date of first frost and plant needs *at least* 2 weeks to absorb the herbicide so it can begin to work. Once we know the date we will let landowners know. Weather is also proving difficult – cool is OK, but wet is not. We are hoping to be able to pilot injection as well as foliar spray but this might not be possible. We are not quite clear what Dept. of Ag Huber means when he says that the application will be “inspected”. Much will be revealed on the day; thus it is called a ‘pilot’.

We need photos of the sites before treatment.

TP and MW will attend the treatment when it happens. We discussed list of all possible things needed on the day.

Meeting adjourned, 6:15 PM.