

Knot in Hyde Park Committee

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Virtual Meeting 5:30 PM

MINUTES

In attendance: M Walz, W Lane, F Landrey, R Pearson,.

Apologies: T Pearson, T Breese.

We reviewed the Watershed Grant site visit note circulated last week. MW needs to follow-up on Grant documentation, which is not yet forthcoming (since the meeting, and posting of the minutes -- the doc arrived). Next step is scheduling and doing the "July 4" KW cut.

Fieldworker. We reviewed how to orient her into the fieldwork during the first couple of weeks of work, including visit to orientation with Mad River Knotweed (Warren). And also discussed safety and reporting issues. We will review document summarizing the workplan at the next meeting. Letter of Hire to go out from Town Administrator. New sites scheduled for tackling with FW: Battle Road (Lacasse), Southern end of Center Road at culvert across from existing culvert site; Clark Drive; Upper Diggins, Grimes Road.

Herbicide permit. No news. Comment period ended on April 10. Assume we will hear this week.

We need to schedule a day to visit all 7 of the Sept 2023 treatment sites to assess and photograph effectiveness. Some sites may now be eligible for mechanical control.

Goats – no news.

RP reported that he removed the mesh from the LVRT/Black Farm Road site (thank you, Rich!!) and took it to metal recycling. We do not think 1/2" wire mesh is a good tool for tackling KW despite it being often mentioned.

Work day(s) will be planned to clean-up old drying stacks and install signage at sites. WL will coordinate with MW; FL will help at the Diggins site.

FL will follow-up with C Whitlock to schedule the first Cricket Hill cut for the season. (Good idea to have Fieldworker do an August cut here; as Sept cut last season was still very tall.)

Next meeting: Virtual, May 22, 5:30 PM.