

Knot in Hyde Park Committee

Wednesday, Jan 17, 2024

Virtual Meeting 5:30 PM

MINUTES

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

Apologies: T Brease.

Guests: E Osborn of Craftsbury, M Bald of Got Weeds

There was discussion about various things we want/need to deal with this season:

- To remove any smothering or leave in place: concensus seems to be to leave in place for another year.
- Early season monitoring of the 7 herbicide sites (take photos and keep records)
- Existing sites – management assignments
- New short list of sites – to be circulated and discussed at next meeting;
- Let's try using FPF to advertise getting people to work on specific sites
- Data on google sheets – review and analyze. Make any changes for 2024?

M Bald reported that someone in Ireland dealt with KW problem at a hospital expansion site by excavating 6' deep, 20' margins around the site. Wrapped all that material in fibrous material (looked like round bales of hay), stacked them asphalt surface and treated growth coming out of the top with herbicide. That was in 2018. He doesn't know how that plan worked out.

MW reported that she has call next week with UVM person service learning coordinator about possible interns for the summer of 2024. Given SB budget pressures we have not sought money for this, so will be forced to seek grants or fund-raise to support it.

We are also seeking estimate for pre-construction herbicide treatment at Garfield/Green River KW site.

Friends of GRR wrote to say that they will manage the two existing sites on the Dam Road, plus take on the third site which was not dealt with in 2023. Great news!

KiHP Town Report submission will be drafted and circulated this weekend.

MW will circulate short-list of possible new sites for this season.

There will not be a meeting in February. Next meeting will be March 13, 2024, 5:30 PM.