

Knot in Hyde Park Committee

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

Virtual Meeting 5:30 PM

MINUTES

In attendance: MW, FL, RP, TP, WL, and TB (full house) + guest S. Nagy-Agren

We discussed the 8 new sites started this season: (1) Center Road Culvert, west side (nr Tallman), (2) Clark Drive, (3) Garfield Cross (135'), (4) Battle Road (Lacasse 175'), (5) Grimes Rd, (6) Brook Road, (7) EDRR Black Farm Road, (8) EDRR Dam Road. Our part-time hire, Ella, has not only been great help with the initial cut but has done all of the maintenance (repeated cut/pull) work on these sites, which has leveraged up our effort nicely.

There is scope for using more brush-cutting at some of the sites. Possibility of using some of our budget to hire someone to do that for us was discussed and will be investigated. It would need to be someone who understood and was sensitive to how KW spreads.

Updates on various projects:

- Green River KW Project is on track. We will work on plan to sow grass seed (winter rye?) in the spring, ahead of the next year's treatment.
- We agreed to experiment with removing a single patch of rubber roofing at the LVRT Black Farm Road site. Visible rhizomes will be removed/dried; repulling and observation weekly; document experiment with photographs.
- We agreed to submit revised KW Management Plan to Dept of Ag for approval in relation to herbicide plan this September. Need to re-secure all written landowner permissions.
- Garfield Cross – landowner will help clean-up the site in the autumn to make it more easily maintainable.
- Battle Row and Cricket Hill sites need to be scheduled for next cutting.

We agreed we would not take on any more (large) mechanical sites this season. We need to seek some clarification from Selectboard about what their commitment is to the Gamble site. Goats + Smothered ditching material + brush-cutting adds up to much work.

May not be able to participate in Hyde Park Home Day Parade this year (disappointing), but WL has agreed to do a table for KiHP.

Next Meeting: 21 August, 5:30 PM, via Zoom.