

Knot in Hyde Park Committee
Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 5:30 PM

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Meeting by Zoom opened at 5:30. W. Lane, F. Landrey, R. Pearson, T. Pearson, T Breese, K. Moore and M Walz in attendance.

After a very busy and successful season we all agreed it made sense to take a break. We will resume meeting on Wednesday **18 January 2023**, and thereafter the 3rd Wednesday of every month, at 5:30 PM.

Fieldwork to-dos: remove remaining signs, get 'yogurt' signs out of the path of the snowplow, review any other possible priority sites for next year before snow falls. All sites are in good order and many showing real signs of diminished activity.

In the pipeline: KiHP to have a role in FEMA bridge replacements where both sites are infested with JKW; meeting on 2 November with the Stowe Conservation Commission to share our work/experience; Wendy's composting discussions are on-going; Gamble piles still not resolved.

Digital Map is now mostly populated with sites that we are actively managing, or noted near management sites; or identified as important targets.

MW will draft end-of-season newsletter for all to review and edit.

Discussion about whether we should make seasonal posts about other invasives when they are in bloom, prompted by the glaring evidence of 'burning bush' shrubs everywhere. Consider a 'public service announcement' on FPF.

MW received some research reports from professor at Virginia Tech and will circulate.

All will review webpage for updates/modifications. KM to propose Instagram strategy.

Priorities for next season include:

- Engaging licensed forester to further progress on having a complete control tool-kit and setting priorities for sites around town
- Possible interns/students to work on sites
- Outreach/expanding volunteers
- Pilot project to actually bury some contaminated material
- Gamble Property maintenance (investigate goats?)
- Target key sites for Active Management

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.