

Knot in Hyde Park Committee

Monday, August 8, 2022

MINUTES

Meeting by Zoom opened at 5:00. W. Lane, F. Landrey, R. Pearson, T. Pearson, T Breese, and M Walz in attendance; apologies K. Moore.

MW reported on the July 17 event at the Gamble Property, attended by WL, KM of the Committee and neighbor B. Nadeau.

Discussion about education and outreach with Lamoille Union HS as a way to educate the community about issues surrounding invasive plants (KW in particular). We have contact details for science teacher who may be interested in us presenting info and field work activities (a management spot on Cricket Hill?). TP/WL/TB to follow up.

All managed sites are reported as being in good order. Review of various questions/issues:

- McKinistry Hill (at Diggins) -- review of root strategy and need for more rubber roofing; possible mowing at road-edge.
- Small infestation in ditch across the road from main Mck/Diggins site -- concern about erosion and possible spread?
- Cooper Hill Road roadworks underway and possible KW impact at one location.

One issue arising: where there are no signs (because owners have not wanted them or other reasons) there is risk that road crew is not aware that this is KW site. We ought to at least have "yoghurt" signs where there is known KW. MW to communicate with M. French about particular issues/questions on Cooper Hill Rd and McKinistry Hill Rd.

New sites under management, either via KiHP or directly by homeowner: Munson/Garfield junction; North Hyde Park Rd "gully" at corner of Thompson Hill; N. Hyde Park Road backyard; Fitch Hill Road at forest edge.

KiHP at Black Farm Road Wednesday eve KW pull -- good attendance Aug 3, with Mike Bald attending and new volunteers. Much learning shared.

Brief discussion re the tactical/judicious use of herbicide as part of the management "tool kit". Need to present to Selectboard and find licensed applicator to supervise an injection demonstration.

We are exploring possibility of digital mapping project.

Meeting adjourned at 6 PM.