

# **Knot in Hyde Park Committee**

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Virtual Meeting 5:30 PM

## **MINUTES**

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

Apologies: T. Breese, B. Rader

We reviewed the season:

1. All agreed that having a p-t employee is critical, especially as committee members/other volunteers inevitably run into other commitments during the season. Being present/persistent continuously throughout the season is key to managing the KW most effectively. Challenges/ideas: re-training every year is a lot of work; possibility of integrating more with road crew?; encouraging local person to develop business managing invasives?
2. We can all see the effectiveness of the effort at the sites we've been working on for many years – they take hardly any maintenance at all now.
3. Good work with private land-owners this year, who were enthusiastic about working on their KW and happy to have help from KiHP. Several new patches brought under management.
4. Green River KW Project Grant concluded second year herbicide application. First year's application was very successful. (With this grant, plus KiHP sites at Garfield Cross, the Friends of GRR sites on the Dam Road, and private land-owner work, almost all of the known/visible-at-the-road-side KW sites in Garfield are now under management!).
5. Pilot herbicide project ended this season with final (second) applications at all sites. Will draft report for the SB.

Priorities for next season. We discussed: the Village, Cricket Hill, upper section of the Diggins, sites in North Hyde Park (Gamble +), a couple remaining sites on Centerville Road. We will set up meeting with Alex G. and Mark F. to discuss priorities, capacity for doing the work, level of public support for various sites. Also, possibility for winter work: how to communicate useful, detailed information to home-owners who want to work on their own KW. There is much demand for this information.

MW will draft End of Season Newsletter and circulate for review.

Meeting adjourned, 6:30 PM.