

## **Invasive Plant Advisory Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Date: April 28, 2021**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

**Location: REMOTE ACCESS**

**Attendees:** Susan Edwards joined first half of meeting, from Climate Change Council and Nashua River Watershed, Pat Swain Rice, Emily Boeing, Juliana Molina, Annette Cate, Evan Worth, Deb Fountain

#### **1. Review/approve Meeting Minutes**

- a. Minutes will be voted on next week

#### **2. Invasive Plant List Development Update**

- a. Pat has looked at Groton list, shorter list and is available to share
- b. Pat also looked at an early detection list
- c. Consensus from committee was that strategically keeping list short would be beneficial

#### **3. Wild & Scenic Community Grant Award**

- a. Pat, Evan, Juliana interested in Strategies for Invasive Plants Management
- b. Land Stewardship Inc.
  - i. Question of whether we cut from budget in other areas to do this training (\$500-\$700)
    - 1. Topics of interest “how to map, measure, and monitor invasive species” and “invasive species strategic planning”
    - 2. Consensus is to move forward with this training
    - 3. When: ideally ASAP, TBD
- c. Interns
  - i. Deb contacted town administrator to learn how intern hiring would work
  - ii. Discussed job description : qualifications and expectations of role
  - iii. Location: Pat and Emily visiting possible location (Greens brook)
    - 1. Pat and Emily agreed that it may be too large of a project
    - 2. Suggestion of other area up Oakhill Rd

#### **4. Make A Difference Week Event**

- a. Emily shared information on program held by Society of Ecological Restoration-Make a Difference Week
- b. Could start with small achievable goal, weed pulling or plantings
- c. Susan discussed invasive water chestnuts that are in the Nashua River, individuals have been hired to do a pull. There will be an event already taking place that this group could participate in
- d. Discussion around making this high visibility while also small/achievable
- e. Potentially the accessible trail behind the library where there's Norway maple, bitter sweet, multiflora rose
  - i. Potential locations/date could be the book sale for the library partnering with Friends of the Library
  - ii. Potentially have a table at the book sale
- f. Another suggestion was the rail trail. Susan suggested collaborating with Friends of Rail Trail
- g. School property?
  - i. Evan discussed woods around middle school which has bittersweet, mature buckthorn. One concern is visibility as it's back in the woods
  - h. One concern brought up is how to do this in the community while properly educating how to pull
  - i. June is the month the organization Emily referenced hosting this week, question of whether this committee can organize/publicize by June
  - j. Annette could make posters to advertise

**5. Resource sharing**

- a. Deb did connect with Climate Change Council Chair, Ken Hartlage about sharing website; more to come

**6. Set Next Meeting Date**

- a. 5/5 at 7pm location TBD

**7. Action Items:**

- a. Deb will check with Andrew whether we can have our next meeting outside to discuss invasives behind the property
- b. Deb will reach out to Deb Spratt regarding the library
- c. Evan will set up google drive
- d. Deb will write task list for intern role, committee to think of requirements/additional tasks