



Invasive & Native Plant Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Time: 7:00 PM, Location: REMOTE

Attendees: Emily Boeing, Annette Cate, Deborah Fountain, Juliana Molina, Pat Swain-Rice

1. Action Item review (see below)
2. Elect INPAC chair and clerk for 2022
 - Motion made and unanimously approved to re-instate Deb Fountain as chair
 - Committee unanimously voted to alternate position of clerk
3. Wild & Scenic Stewardship Council 2022 Grant Application
 - Keyes-Parker planting to be funded through another means
 - grant application focuses on mapping invasive plants near stream culverts
 1. reviewed grant application including allocation of funds proposed and agreed double amount of seed
 2. Unanimously approved grant application submission
4. Response to Planning Board on 50 Main St. Landscape Plan
 - Deb presented her response with recommendations for Landscape Plan
 - Committee reviewed and approved response
5. Invasive Plant Management Plan
 - members updated on progress, draft to be sent to committee by 2/2 and to approve at meeting on 2/9
6. Matters That May be Raised That Were Not Reasonably Anticipated
 - Deb presented materials Groton Committee has created for public awareness
 1. Discussed if and how our committee would use the document, consensus was to share on facebook with context but not on website
 - Earth Day
 1. Began brainstorming potential events/activities to recognize the day including: informational walk, plant pull and identification, potential collaboration with other committees
 2. discussion to continue at next meeting
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7. Set next meeting date
 - Feb 9, 2022

Action Item Review

1. Writing assignments for IPMP - 1st drafts due Feb 2nd
 - a) Annette & Juliana - Invasive Plant Management Objectives
 - b) Pat - Background - complete

- c) Deb - Introduction, Constraints, Assessment of Existing Conditions, IPMP Development, Evaluation - complete
 - d) Deb, Pat - Land Management Goals - complete
 - e) Emily - Management Strategies and Control Options
2. Deb - draft letter for landscapers & PPT presentation for Library program on natives- in process
 3. Deb - advertise committee vacancies on FB, NMRHS science club - complete, plus Pat drafted and sent out a letter to local iNaturalist users

All - By the end of the first year of existence, the Committee shall:

1. Provide the Select Board **by February 14, 2022** with a Strategic Plan to
 - assess and document invasive plant issues on public land,
 - develop detection and reporting process for private land owners,
 - create a list of invasive plants in town to compare with the state list (**complete**)
 - recommend appropriate remediation approaches (**complete**)
 - identify associated resource issues and sources for remediation actions,
2. Educate homeowners, businesses, and the agricultural community on the importance of using native plantings. (**In process**)
 - establish a web presence with educational material concerning invasive plants and native plantings for residents. (**complete and ongoing**)
 - Work with local landscapers / garden centers to promote native plantings (plan for winter)