



Invasive Plant Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021
Time: 7:00 PM, Location: REMOTE

1. Review/approve Meeting Minutes - none, Oct 6 meeting was cancelled
2. Action Item review (see below)
 - ongoing below to be addressed through out meeting
3. Final report for Wild & Scenic Stewardship Council Grant
 - submitted and waiting on final payment
 - Pat suggested sharing report with conservation commission
4. Native Plant Guide review and approval
 - Deb sent to committee for review, suggestions sent
 - discussed changes made
 - committee approved for release following any additional edits by 10/27, providing major edits are received.
5. Pepperell Cultural Council Grant - soil health programs & exhibit
 - Deb presented proposal for soil health collaboration
 - Committee unsure if involvement is indicated based off information we have so far or if committee has capacity based of strategic plan
 - Motion to either find out more information before committing or letting them know we don't have capacity right now, committee voted 3 to 2 to find out more and Deb will let them know we'll have a representative for brainstorming and then will reconvene to discuss
6. Strategic Planning discussion
 - Deb to send out general framework of plan
 - continue to increase web presence will help regarding educating homeowners, businesses, etc
 - Emily suggested local landscaper for potential collaboration; committee discussed conflicts of interest to be cautious of as Cons Comm members have regulatory oversight of developer landscape plans
7. Matters That May be Raised That Were Not Reasonably Anticipated
 - sub committee in Groton temporarily on hold due to season work they're doing
 - Deb and Pat to become verifier with EddMaps
 - Committee to be reappointed in December
 - Emily at Sucker Brook dam removal today discussed invasive management and interest was shown regarding focus on invasive plants near water

8. Next Meeting Date - Nov 3

New Action Items:

Pat - review Native Plant Guide

Evan - post Native Plant Guide on website when Deb sends final version

Deb - share Tom Mirabile report with Conservation Commission

- contact EddMaps for info on becoming verifiers

- Send Strategic Plan framework to members for review discussion at next meeting

Ongoing Action Items

- ***Committee Charge Actions Items toward Goals and Strategies: By the end of the first year of existence, the Committee shall:***

1. Provide the Select Board 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. (In process)
- Work with local landscapers / garden centers to promote native plantings (plan for winter)