

Marlboro Conservation Commission Minutes for Dec 1st 2014

CC Members in Attendance:

Adam Gebb Charlie Schneeweis Dante Corsano

Visitors in Attendance:

Jim Irish Pieter Van Loon Sally White

The Main topic of the meeting was how to address the threat of invasive plant species with Japanese Knotweed being a focus.

A general outline for a town invasive species project...

- 1- Increase citizen awareness
- 2- Identify areas of invasives and create a digitized town map for the topic that would be added to over time.
- 3- Make priorities based on where the risk of invasive take overs is the highest and or areas where eradicating may be the easiest. It is particularly important that we keep the Japanese Knotweed growing near the town center out of the Whetstone Brook.
- 4- Make information on how to deal with invasives easily available . Be sure to include thorough information about the risks of cutting Knotweed. Any small piece can re-root wherever it is moved to. Burning, tarping and or careful composting is important.
- 5- Recommend Contractors- there may be a number of residents willing to pay for help

Some other notable invasives in town are; Bitter Sweet, Multiflora Rose, Glossy Buckthorn, Barberry and Russian Olive.

Jim Irish is a contractor that has State of Vermont certification for the use of various herbicides that could be very helpful in the effort to eradicate invasives.

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Local resident Diana Todd is interested in the invasive plant topic and may have a little time to help with mapping. Diana.todd@comcast.net

The Marlboro CC has a number of vacant seats. We will be seeking new members as we start focusing on the invasives topic. We will be posting in the Marlboro Mixer and the Front Porch Forum.

The next CC meeting will be Monday Jan 5th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Gebb

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