

Knot in Hyde Park Committee

Monday, May 23, 2022

Monthly meeting

MINUTES

Meeting opened at 5:30 at the Town's "Gamble" Property in North Hyde Park Village. K. Moore, W. Lane, F. Landrey, R. Pearson, T. Pearson and M Walz in attendance.

Mary described how we used the various piles/pallets last year. Noted that the root stock drying on pallets, left to over-winter, appears to be mostly dead, but there was still signs of life in at least one large piece.

Update on the status of the large piles of ditching material at the site: there is no clear plan to dispose of the material since Vtrans rejected using the material to build out the shoulder and change the slope at the road side (on grounds that no contaminated material is allowed in the state ROW).

We agreed not to spend energy re-locating any of the other materials until we know what is happening with the piles.

Meanwhile, we agreed to cut back the multiflora roses (invasive) and set up some more pallets for root drying for this season's haul. Small stalks -- not roots -- should be dumped in the snow-fence crib.

Updates given on some of the field work done to date and future plans, including:

- Installed smothering at new site on The Diggins, at corner with McKinistry Hill Rd; and plan to do another patch around the corner this Wednesday.
- Wednesday 5:30 KW pull is to continue at the Black Farm Road site for the foreseeable future.
- Possible joint events with the Gihon Valley Hall to coordinate with their temporary crosswalk event; and at the Town Office with wildflower meadow project. Awaiting dates.
- Agreed to try to schedule a meeting at Town Offices to discuss treatment of the KW patch there.
- Continuing to investigate and educate the appropriate use of herbicide and getting access to licensed applicators, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30.