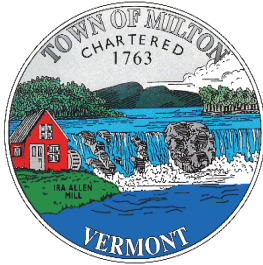


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Meeting Type:.....Regular Meeting

Date:.....Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Time:.....6:30 p.m.

Place:.....Community Room, 43 Bombardier Road

Contact:.....(802) 893-6655

Website:.....www.miltonvt.gov

AGENDA

1) Agenda Review

2) Public Forum

The public may attend and be heard in accordance with Vermont's Open Meeting Law (1VSA312).

3) Business

a) Town Forest ADA trail project

i) Contractor RFP process – site evaluation

ii) DEC permit – site evaluation by Wetlands Ecologist

iii) ACOE permit renewal

b) 2023 VT Urban and Community Forestry Grant

c) VT Invasive Species Day request

d) Trail maintenance projects (Town Forest)

e) Staff Update (Jenna Eugair, Kris Dulmer)

f) Nature Notes

g) Review/approve October 25 meeting notes

4) Adjournment

Cymone Haiju, AICP, Planning Director

Template for letter of support for declaration of a VT Invasive Species Day

1. WHY does your organization support a **proposed declaration by the Vermont legislature for a VT Invasive Species Day**? (to be held every third Saturday in May - which is the second weekend after Green Up Day). Example: (from Jericho Center Preservation Association): *Educate upon and to mitigate the presence of invasive species, both existing, nativized and future threats.*
2. How might the legislature and the State of Vermont help better manage invasive species in Vermont with general funding or other assets? Example: (from Jericho Center Preservation Association): *Additional resources for a curated program would track and map locations of concern and prioritize their impacts.*
3. What **locations** are key areas of concern for your organization and why? For example State parks, WMA's, Nature Conservancy trails, local Land Trust lands, specific waterways or watersheds. Be as specific or general as you wish.
4. **What does your organization most need** to be more effective in your goals of Invasive Species management?
5. How can we **increase** the educational as well as motivational **outreach** to the public on a local level? On a regional level? On a state-wide basis? Example: (from Jericho Center Preservation Association): *State could better communicate the existence of and threats caused by invasive species and that these efforts must be filtered to the correct audiences.*
6. What **partnerships** might you suggest that could magnify the impact of Invasive Species management at a particular location?
7. How can we **make it easier for landowners to recognize and manage invasive species** on their property beyond the online and other resources available today?
8. What recent invasive management actions has your organization accomplished? (Number of volunteers, the invasive species you addressed, the location, the size of the area worked on, and other pertinent information.) Would you be ok with me publishing that information on my community blog (Jerichovermont.blogspot.com)? **Please share your success stories.**
9. What **ideas do you have that might encourage more folks to volunteer** with invasive management efforts? For example, I offer to buy creemees at our local country store to volunteers after we finish a few hours of cutting invasive honeysuckle. I am also considering asking for bids (so much (\$) an hour) to have me come to folks' property to cut honeysuckle, with proceeds going to our local community center.

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10. **How can folks volunteer with your organization** to remove, cut, or otherwise manage invasive species? What is your website address? *Who is the invasive species coordinator for your organization and what is their email address?

Responses are welcome now through mid-term of the legislative 2023 session.

***Please include contact info** so we can follow up with you, and possibly ask a representative from your organization to **testify during the VT Legislative session to broaden support for this Vermont Invasive Species Day.**

Thank You

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