

# Draft meeting notes for DCC Meeting Monday, July 10th, 2023 @ 7pm

Location: Town Hall Meeting

Vange Morse, Bridget Ferrin, Barb Hubruigste, Jo Oliver , Dawn Foy, Jesse Noone

1. Approved June minutes
2. Discuss attendance and advertising for Invasive walk with Emily Meacham July 12th at 6pm
  - We will meet there at 5:30. Barb will post on FPF and AAVC. Vange will get taping video equipment.
  - Get Geoff on the mapping.
  - 4pm Tuesday night emergency trail work.
3. Introduce Jesse Noone, and talk about mitigation strategies to protect Danville and its ecological landmarks from invasive species.

Jesse is helping the town with planning.. and couple strategies that we could implement he brought a short list of suggestions

- best practices for invasive management
- forest management in danville
- ASH survey
- wake boat permitting
- lakeshore (lakewise program)- Pam from Joes Pond
- Septic tank program
- consider promotion for mapping - town forests
- build capacity for the boat greeter program the wake boats are dramatic carriers. Permitting

- Bridget suggested an educational program for the road crews by the VT invasives team: japanese knotweed, phragmites and groutweed. Dawn: and training for replanting with Native seeds and potentially funds to help buy proper seed. White clover or a cover crop seed instead of just regular grass seed. Dawn says a lot of bulk grass seeds have weeds and random seeds in them.
- weigh the cost of cutting down the trees when creating roadside ditches because of additional erosion, or checking the road crew equipment just like the boats from site to site.
- Outreach and education of private landowners
- Statewide Vermont Coverts does a lot on invasive mitigation strategies. Barb can introduce Jesse to. Tim McKay is the communicator between the various groups.

Bridget brought up the Water Andric:

1. Bridget noticed that with the storm runoff it has pushed the Water Andric back to its original shape and we may have an opportunity to restore the class 4 road which is heavily used as a walking and hiking trail by the locals. The Water Andric just got put on the VT list for emergency funding for rivers. So we could come up with a plan that could bring some funds to Danville to help reconstruction costs and would also give us a template to complete natural riparian buffers along the old class 4 road to help keep it from eroding further. Use this as an educational piece as the trees from the flooding has created a natural barrier. Get Ben Copans involved and there have been no fish in there forever because its so silty and it covers up the fish eggs during the spring runoff.
2. Use Danville community social media to keep no motorized vehicles to go down the class 4
3. The water Andric is also downstream from the waste water facilities so that is part of the reason why it gets contaminated and why Ben wanted it sampled.

4. Maybe we should think about completing a comprehensive waterways plan. The river corridor. The Basin 16 ( upper passumpsic) and the tributaries plan.
5. Jesse pointed out that people with the River corridor protection and restoration plans when the emergencies happen will be the ones who get the money.
6. Some of our limitations are that the floodplain maps are out of date.
7. Does Jesse have a timeline?...he is planning on submitting his plan on Wednesday. There is a review process and a hard deadline in September.

What are effective ways to educate? Bridget spoke about Barb's effective use of social media.

Thinking about coordination of educational events with municipalities and where we should spend our energy and time.

Jo gave us a dog park update. : They looked at Rogers Lot and decided it wasn't ideal. They are more interested at the Water treatment plant area because its open and right off the rail trail. But it could be complicated due to water and liability issues. The other area is part of Jo's land.

Then there's Austermans, or near the Town Garage, or High school. The issue with the Hill Street park is that you have to get all the neighbors to buy in.

6. Next meeting date August 7th