

**SCC Minutes 7-9-19**  
**450 Frank Lord Road**  
**5:15 p.m.**

Weezie Duda, Cynthia Thornton, Peter Grace, Chris Clarke, Pam Darrow, Connie Youngstrom

Heather Ewing (Vermont Forest, Parks and Recreation Invasive Plant Program)

**1- June minutes were read and approved**

**2- Gaynor Rd- excavation.**

There is some repair work being done at the top of Gaynor Rd. by a camp owner. SCC members have noticed machinery at the bottom of Gaynor (adjoining Rte. 103). Adrienne Raymond told Weezie that there was some road washout that is being repaired, but she does not know who is working at this site. Adrienne does not believe it is a private individual.

**3- Land Conservation Update**

**4- Smith's Blessing Tree sign has been found!**

**5- Conservation Fund**

Cynthia and Weezie met on June 20 and are currently contacting other Vermont Conservation Commissions to get ideas and advice. They will continue to work on this project and report back to the SCC.

**6- Invasive pull events**

SCC discussed creating or purchasing signs to use while working at sites. SCC may also purchase a tool to use for particularly difficult plants.

**7 - Recycling Program (Alice Martin)**

Connie has spoken with Alice, who recommended someone coming from the State to discuss this issue. Maybe a Rutland County Solid Waste District representative? (Is this the correct recycling organization for Shrewsbury? We should check with Bert Potter.)

Participants could discuss how we recycle, reuse, and reduce and how to be even more effective.

This event will take place either in the fall or late winter. SCC

members will look for informational videos to use as part of this event.

## **8- Walk and Talk - Edible and Medicinal Herbs**

Saturday, August 3, 1 to 3, at Sol Luna Farm (Pig Farm Rd.) with Grace Pratt

## **9- Big Ideas from Heather Ewing's Presentation**

- -Start small, create a management plan for 1 parcel first
- "Under control" means that the plant is on the margins of an area and not spreading
- It is important to prioritize and act accordingly rather than get overwhelmed by the size of the invasives problem
- FPR will give lots of help with writing the first plan! Yay!
- ***Our parcel of focus will be the CCC Rd from the Orlick's house to Wood's house and Mandigo Meadows. We will focus on Poison Parsnip.*** We will inventory other invasives in this parcel and perhaps work on their reduction during a "phase 2" project.
- We will need to gather land use information, any habitat assessments, and historic use information for this parcel. It will also be helpful to get an idea of the town maintenance schedule of this stretch of the CCC Rd. Current photos will be helpful.
- We should compile outreach resources (scheduled work days, materials for plant removal, advertising sources and materials, and lists of volunteers.)
- Use I-Naturalist
- We will create the plan on the online template. We Can cut and paste the black text from the printed example.
- SCC should scan/email the information and maps to FPR from the CCC Rd parcel once it is compiled.
- It is handy to use DropBox.

To Do:

- Chris will ask Grace for any historical photos of the parcel.

- Pam will make an inventory of other invasives of this parcel.
- Peter will get maps and/or from the Town Office.
- Weezie will try to get the maintenance schedule (if there is one) for this portion of the CCC Rd.
- Weezie will send SCC invasive articles and flyers to FPR

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 13 at 5:15. 450 Frank Lord Rd.