

Arden Forest Committee Meeting Monday, September 20, 2021, 5:00 PM:

In attendance: Carol Larson, Keri del Tufo, Bev Clendening, Dave Jones. Called to order 5:05 PM Absent Jill Althouse wood

1. Administrative: --We approved August minutes with changes. --Fire Permit is uploaded needs to be made interactive with the new webmaster. --Please update volunteer hours for the last month.

--Denise Miles has done her 40 community hours in the woods. – We want her to file a W-2 so we can hire her.
-New contract with Red Tail on a call-by-call basis for forest maintenance. For very specific areas. Carol will email contract for everyone to review and brought copies to the meeting
2. Finance: Dave Claney was paid for Buckingham Greene fence.
3. Current Grants/Projects —2409 Woodland: Mile-a-minute was under control Bev will check. We need to plant some plants to take rising water. Dave recommended Cardinal flower. We will do a seed order – Storm Water Management Plan reviewed 9/8. Plan online for review before Town meeting.
4. Boundaries/Encroachment --Buckingham Green fence is in. --Sunset Farms: No fence yet. We are going to put it up on the line.

Board of Adjustment at 17 Durboraw. No respect for Forest border. More fence required Committee agreed to put in a fence.
5. Drainage/Erosion –project propoSaL—map of minor erosion areas
6. Invasive Species Control –**Stilt grass** pulling time. Worst areas: Mill Race and along some pathways. We (Bev, Carol & Denise) have done some work on it, last pulling date was 9/8. **Japanese knotweed**: There is some behind 1904 Sherwood. All Patches need to be treated in the next month
--Hurlong's **Bamboo** along Woodland is still an issue but shouldn't be hard to take care of –
Bev has a whole program mapping invasives with volunteers. She will put an article in the page. –
Discussed deer population control. – James Hanby send a note that the Hanby Trust has no interest in deer hunting and was surprised Arden suggested it. We need to educate the Hanby Trust. Bev and Carol will go out with the fishing line technique to fence off an area.
-Will ask Red Tail to work on burning bush in the fall
7. Paths/Maintenance --Soggy paths. Discussed strategies: stepping-stone with tree slices, Aerate, Boardwalk. -- Possible group of volunteers “Bridge Brigade” for paths/bridges led by Drew. Bev will contact Drew. Bev and Drew will walk paths. Talked about problem areas that are priority.
8. Removals/Monitoring/Inventory of Trees --Beech with crack behind Founder's Cottage. We are monitoring it. -- Carol has a new way to measuring angles, so she is going to measure Dela Bryan's oak to see if it is leaning more.
9. Community Involvement/Communications --Arden Fair. Distributed LEAF--Kid activities for Fair Day. An Aquarium with frogs attracted attention. Press on tattoos. More developed aquatic tank for viewing for next year.

Bev is putting Invasive Map and volunteer program in page. Scouts have expressed an interest. We will connect. Hunter Clarke Fields.
10. New Business --Branding—calendar, special events. --suggested Ivy Ball For winter 2022 Meeting adjourned 6:07 PM. Next meeting is Monday, October 18 at 5 PM.