

## Green Team Meeting

June 24, 2021

### Attendees:

Sue Alexander  
Melanie Crowder  
Linda Draper  
Madeleine Blake  
Terry  
Valerie Beaudin

Meeting came to order at 7:00

Green Team Action Plan is now on town website for review and comment.

### **Bayfront Park**

- Cleanup went well – 8 people turned out.
- ***Recommendation:*** Schedule event monthly to continue momentum. Use black plastic bags to collect clippings to prevent regrowth
- Valerie will contact Holly about necessity to get Critical Area permit to dig up root systems of vines. Also see if Public Works would collect bags of clippings if we leave them on the trails.
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- **Paddle and Pickp**
- In conjunction with Calvert Parks and Rec on Sept 25<sup>th</sup> for cleanup of Fishing Creek. Find out from NECC what supplies we need versus what they will provide: bags, gloves, grabbers, water, etc.
- ***Recommendation:*** Have several small boats running the creek to collect trash from Kayaks as they progress so they can keep moving and not have to return to base with every load.
- ***Recommendation:*** Green Team provide pizza or doughnuts as incentive.
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- MD Forestry Service and Master Gardeners distribute small trees in the spring to municipalities for free. An organization called Treemendous does the same and may have a better selection. Melanie C may have contact info.
- ***Recommendation:*** Determine a plan (how many) for the trail to Bayfront Park and obtain some of these free trees to plant.

### **Signage**

- TNT Graphics has original file of trail signs and is working to get replacement signs created.
- Next year allot budget to remove signage that is no longer applicable and install new signs on other healthy plants/trees.

### **Pollinator Gardens:**

- Irrigation system is still not working. Team needs resolution by July in order to keep plants watered.
- **Recommendation:** Valerie will contact Jay about the ability to use a hose there. Install a storage box for green team supplies and equipment behind spigot – hose, pails, shovels, bags, etc.
- **Recommendation:** Melanie will write exact list of materials/plants needed to replace mountain mint in boxes. Valerie will place order.

### **Education and Outreach**

- Must pay attention to other areas of town besides Fishing Creek Trail and Bayfront Park.
- Discussed possibility of contacting all HOAs and providing workshops/tutorials on planting natives, trimming/pruning individual gardens on-site in the neighborhoods. Attract new Green Team members?

### **Storm Runoff Mitigation**

- No current discussion

### **Other Ideas**

- Sometime fall/winter – develop 5-year plan for removing all Japanese Knotweed plants at Bayfront Park.
  - o Is town ready to tackle this
  - o Obtain grant to have experts review beach, develop plan suggesting replacements, and execute plan
  - o Mitigation Fund may be possible funding source
- Discuss/develop plans for more effective garden/plantings on the 260 median.
- Determine expiration date of Windmill Landscaping contract with town. Request opportunity to be involved in renewal process.
- Develop ideas for attracting new members to the committee.

Sue Alexander will pull together Idea List from previous years Committee Meetings before our next meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for July 22nd, 7:00 pm Kellam Field Pavillon.