**Groton Invasive Species Committee Meeting Minutes**

**02Jun2022**

Committee Members Present:

Charlotte Weigel

Jonathan Basch

Olin Lathrop

Ron Strohsahl

Adam Burnett

The Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

Agenda:

1. The only order of business was discussion and vote to endorse Invasive Plant Identification and Management Workshop at Sorhaug Woods sponsored by Wild and Scenic rivers stewardship council

Pre-motion discussion:

* Olin Lathrop: we can advertise this at Riverfest. We should help Michele Girard get publicity
* Charlotte Weigel: The guy [Chris Politan] who is leading the workshop gave one of the lectures last year
* Olin Lathrop: can do up to 20 attendees, I would like to go
* Charlotte Weigel: How are they facilitating the sign-ups?
* Olin Lathrop: don’t know, would have to find out from Michele Girard
* Olin Lathrop: When the RDA is taken up, would like to indicate that the invasive species committee supports
* Olin Lathrop: We could all learn from this event
* Olin Lathrop: We don’t want to take the spot of any others that are interested
* Charlotte Weigel: Interested, but willing to give up spot

Motion:

**Olin Lathrop: *Moves to support to any extent we can, the invasive species workshop sponsored by*** ***Wild and Scenic rivers stewardship council scheduled for June 25th 9-1***

Additional discussion after motion:

* RDA has been filed, Concom will meet to review the RDA on Tuesday, June 14th
* Ron Strohsahl: Is it herbicide treatment?
* Olin Lathrop: No, will be all non-herbicide
* Adam Burnett: Will there be work done in the wetlands?
* Olin Lathrop: No, but it could be within 100 ft of the wetlands so we need an RDA

Vote on motion:

* Charlotte seconded.
* The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Open discussion:

Riverfest scavenger hunt:

* Charlotte Weigel: found a Canadian group that had prepared a scavenger hunt
* Olin Lathrop: moves to deputize Charlotte Weigel to organize Riverfest scavenger hunt
* Jonathan Basch: seconded the motion
* The motion passed unamimously
* Adam Burnett: Plenty of invasives there and poison Ivy
* Charlotte Weigel: Do we need to print something for weed warriors
* Olin Lathrop: I can take care of that, we will also have brochures

Charlotte Moved to adjourn.

Jonathan Basch seconded.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.