

**TOWN OF UNDERHILL
SELECTBOARD SITE VISIT MINUTES
Friday – June 01, 2012**

Present:

Selectboard: Brad Holden – Chair, Seth Friedman

Office: Dawna Brisson-Town Administrator

Public: Keegan Tierney - VYCC, Trevor Squirrel - Underhill Conservation Commission

8:35 a.m. Above parties walk down to the bridge on Pleasant Valley Rd that runs over the Mill brook to look at and discuss the invasive plant species Knotweed. Keegan explains you usually find it along waterways because the specie spreads by pieces breaking off into the water and traveling downstream. He shows how the plant's makeup allows for pieces to easily root. Best plan would be to go upstream and map out where it starts and all spots as you go downstream and put together a comprehensive eradication plan. He explains the different techniques to eradicate, such as hand pulling, mechanical pulling, herbicide treatment, and that any plants removed have to be black bagged for 1 year to kill. He explains a well established grouping can take up to 10 years to eradicate. He outlines various organizations that could have grant monies available to assist with invasive species control. Trevor mentions the Town has a River Corridor Management Plan, that list projects to be done, that we should review.

Above parties then drive to Crane Brook to look at the Knotweed situation there, since it is in smaller contained areas along the road, not on a waterway. Easier project to tackle, some ideas discussed are could do with volunteers, use VYCC, possibly use CSWD clean up funds and fill dumpsters, would need to monitor for regrowth, possibly do a school project to monitor/maintain.

Brad explains the Blakely Rd erosion problem and Keegan recommends contacting Jim Ryan and CC: him, if Jim feels it is doable, VYCC would take over and do the grant paperwork and project. Therefore, at this time, Keegan doesn't need to do a site visit, so we return to Town Hall.

Keegan explains VYCC crews are all assigned to job for this year, since about 3 weeks ago. Best time to start for next year is this fall re: grant search and then, if want to use VYCC crews contact him early spring. He again listed different agencies to contact for grant monies regarding both projects.

10:00 a.m. Site Visit Complete

Dawna Brisson, Town Administrator
Read and Approved as submitted/amended



Brad Holden, Chair

6/1/2012

Date