Dublin Conservation Commission 2019-08-21

Attendance
   Rusty Bastedo
   John Morris
   Chris Raymond, Select Board representative
   Jay Schechter

Non-Members:
   Hank Campbell

Call to order:  7:00pm

NOTE: The commission did not have a quorum so no formal actions were taken.

Discussion Points

• Hank Campbell raised concerns about purple loosestrife infestation at the cemetery. He thinks it is spreading. We discussed the Galerucella beetle and how it has established itself here and was observed in the cemetery despite never having been released there. The NH DES official who deals with invasive plants has said that there is no need to release more beetles. The beetles will not eliminate the plants, the only way to do that is through manual removal or herbicides (not recommended). It was suggested that harvesting the flowers before seeds are distributed may help reduce spread.

• Hank also has concerns about poison ivy along 101 near the women's club beach and bittersweet all over town. John said that he will raise those issues when we have a quorum and see if the commission would like to have any initiative against those.

• Finally, Hank asked if we would resurrect the sale of composting bins at the town transfer station. No one at the meeting was aware that this had been done previously. Chris said he would pass the information along to the recycling committee, which needs additional members.

• John asked Chris if he had any comment on whether we should continue to mow behind life safety. Chris said he would follow up on that. John will follow up with Miriam if any mowing has been done at the transfer station or if that was a one time event for knotweed control.

• An informal discussion of the commission's 2021 budget ensued and suggestions were made for increasing a few line items to deal with training, education, and invasive control.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm