

Roadside Management Task Force Meeting

7:00pm Monday, December 22, 2014

2nd Floor Conference Room, Town Hall

Agenda

- 1.) Call to order and roll call
- 2.) Approval of Agenda
- 3.) Approval of Minutes from last meeting
- 4.) Old Business

Action Items:

- Mr. Stefan Michael brought us more information on two other organic compounds – Finalsan and Scythe
- Joanne awaiting response from Jen Keogh, administrative assistant; 860 349-8253; jkeogh@townofdurhamct.org; and/or Kurt Bober from Public Works on:
 - Can we get receipts for the sprays – RoundUp and Vacate?
 - Does spraying of Poison Ivy get contracted out or is that done in house?
 - Actual people hours - not specifically logged
- Mark is investigating grant from NRCS (National Resource Conservation Service)
- Mike is contacting Martin from Davis, California for more information regarding their successful weed management program
- Claudia is getting further information on appropriate groundcovers to utilize for weed control from the National Wildflower Society and the Cooperative Extension Service
- Brainstormed benefits of Scythe vs Finalsan
 - Scythe - fatty acid, Pethargoric Acid and petroleum component; absorbs leaf tissue, not bark of plant. Will get more use out of this product, has some burn down, cumulative effect? Used in spring, summer, and rainy season; can dilute 2-10%; diluted will make 25 gallons at 10% strength. Range of use better. F/U on getting information on toxicity of chemicals in Scythe

- Can we use grant money to buy supplies and equipment

5.) Discussion

6.) New Business

7.) Public Comment

8.) Adjourn

The Roadside Maintenance Task Force (RMTF) shall research safe, efficient and cost effective methods of maintaining roadways, roadsides and town property that may minimize and/or eliminate the use of hazardous chemicals. The RMTF shall report its findings to the Board of Selectmen at a regularly scheduled meeting no later than November 10, 2014.