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Roadside Management Task Force Meeting

7:00pm Monday, MARCH 2. 2015

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.

Submitted by Tina Hurlbert