

CISMA Steering Minutes 5/28/19

6 month SVT check-in

- No problems reported thus far in the new relationship between Sudbury Valley Trustees and CISMA

News updates/goals

- Successful Invasive Species Management workshop by the EDC subcommittee
- Gerry DiBello interested in hosting a Mile-A-Minute workshop in July
- Consistent newsletters have been helpful for members
- Communications between members and subcommittees should be encouraged more. Maintain relationships among the membership

Legislative/Permitting Subcommittee Updates

- Trying to work with DEP to set up regional permitting for invasives removal
- Waiting on DEP to work with City of Boston
- Supporting Senator Jehlen's efforts to establish a statewide Invasives Coordinator position and office
- State House was open for public comments on June 4th for or against Senator Jehlen's proposal

Education Subcommittee

- Completed an informational rack card about CISMA SuAsCo. Card will be distributed at next Steering meeting. Education subcommittee to offer distribution to members by email
- Pulling Together Initiative – create a training/workshop/info packet directed at landscapers
 - “CISMA-certified” – consider making a list of landscapes that are qualified for invasives control
- Lincoln and Concord have invasives/natives brochures to share
- Education/Outreach could draft this guide in winter with the EDC subcommittee
- NRCS has many incentive programs for landowners, factsheets could be provided for landscapers

Aquatics Subcommittee

- Still focused on various water chestnut treatments
- Applying to grants for drone mapping of the watersheds' invasives

Small Grants Update

- Wayland has all of its plants and seed mixes in the ground, has not had many problems with deer browse. Seasonal help with continue removing young invasives
 - Wayland is happy to do a tour of the site this summer
- SWEET, Inc – rainy weather contributed to less participation in organized GM pull days
- \$16,000 grant received by Assabet River and Great Meadows NWR to do invasives control. Will create a grid system of the Assabet Refuge and do presence/absence of every invasive species in each grid
- Sudbury will borrow harvester to manage aquatic invasives this summer
- Can each subcommittee and the Steering committee keep a wishlist of projects so that Kristin can track grants that might fit those projects?

Other agenda items

- Steering committee meetings to be moved to 1-3PM, second Tuesday of every other month
- Fall Meeting to be at Great Meadows, November 12th 1-3PM
- OARS has made a map of the Assabet-Sudbury-Concord Rivers that will be released soon