Agenda

Pondicherry Park Stewardship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 10th, 2024, 5:00pm

Location: TBD

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Ham Bridge Steps/Ramp Update (Jon or Matt, LELT)
   * Trail improvements leading to bridge
4. Grooming accessible trail (All)
   * LELT would be happy to coordinate with a volunteer if this is feasible and the town doesn't have the capacity to commit.
5. Ash tree management plan discussion (Lauren, LEA)
   * Maggie from LELT provided some [great resources](https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/forest_health/invasive_threats/eab/index.shtml), including a [sample management plan](https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/forest_health/invasive_threats/eab/documents/EAB-Management-Plan-sample-20191217.pdf).
   * Lauren (LEA) tried a [cost analysis tool](https://int.entm.purdue.edu/ext/treecomputer/index.php?page=comparator/master.php) , and by removing hazard trees reactively to the problem, would be the most costly solution.
   * We will likely lose most or all of the ash trees in the next 5-10 years, and they become hazardous long before they die. EAB is known for making ash trees drop large limbs and crumbling, which is a hazard to the trails.
   * There are essentially three options, proactive removal, pesticide treatment, reactive removal (or a combination).
6. Signage for dog policy (Public comment)
7. Other
8. Adjourn

Next meeting: April 10th, 2024