Minutes from August 19, 2024 Meeting.

Attendees: Patty Friday & Phyllis J. Anderson

We discussed tracking projects in the woods with colored coded papers that correspond with the three targeted areas in the maintenance and restoration phases. I will get Bridget to make labels for Stormwater, Invasive Plants, and Restoration.

We discussed a project list for 2024 updates. I showed Patty Megan's list of all activities in the woods, as well as the calendar I have for 2024 projects. The list will include all invasive injections and the dates the injections occurred. Under Restoration, we have the split rail fence, the Rec Board's annual ad hoc weeding, weed whacking, and fallen tree clearing, and the STC's tree planting in the meadow on March 16, 2024.

We talked to Brian Loughran about the DHW line item in the budget. We asked if all DHW projects on one line, where does the projects go in the budget, what line would equipment be placed, where would DHW get the matching dollar amounts from in the budget, where is general maintenance in the budget, where would fees charged by consultants and arborists be found in the budget, and where would money come from for training?

We need answers from Shawn LSSE engineer about:

1. What can the parks department do in house to help alleviate drainage issues from the Fairways.
2. Since we received $30,000 from GEDTF, can we apply for the remaining $95,000.
3. What grants are out there for us to apply?
4. What shovel ready projects are ready for grant applications?
5. Will someone from your office advise the committee when grants become available?
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