

Shawangunk EMC Minutes March 10, 2020

Present: Julia Craner, Dave Haldeman, John Valk, Dave Tompkins, Steve Landsman, Patty Lee Parmalee (scribe)

St. Patricks Day Parade (March 22):

The EMC participation will be to hand out Norway spruce seedlings from a flatbed
Scouts will do the prepping on March 19 at 6:30 in the firehouse, under Julia's guidance,
Patty to provide newspaper for wrapping

Invasives: public educational event on Earth Day (April 22):

Linda Rohleder, coordinator of PRISM (Lower Hudson Partnership for Invasive Species Management), will give a talk oriented toward what citizens may find in their own back yards or neighborhood, how to identify and what to do

Location: Town Hall main floor meeting room, at 7 pm

We will have Town AV equipment ready to back up hers

The recurring problem of getting the word out, how to publicize what should be a topic of great interest:

Linda has suggested raffling something off as a draw; Dave T volunteers to buy a relevant book to raffle

Dave T will design a poster to attach to emails, which we can then print out and post, or forward to all the relevant groups such as county and other towns' EMC's and planning boards, libraries, schools (Steve to his school, Dave T to Tom Frisbie of the Board of Ed)

John will get the info into the Wallkill Valley Times and Times Herald-Record, Patty into New Paltz Times Almanac

Patty hopes Linda will have a handout for people to take home with pictures of the main culprits. Others think reference to a website is adequate, such as [inaturalist](#)

Other issues:

1. Jen Metzger's office is helping to get the DEC to put a launching dock by Popp's Pavilion
2. Watchtower has offered to help grade the rail trail
3. The town needs a law for solar farm battery storage, especially with reference to runoff from the impervious surfaces, and fire danger. Dave H discuss with John (There is a state template.)

Next EMC meeting: May 12, 7 pm