

# TOWN OF NEW GLARUS

## PARKS COMMISSION MEETING 18 MAY 2022, 6:00 PM AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Town of New Glarus Parks Commission, County of Green, will conduct a meeting for the transaction of business as is by law required permitted at such meeting as follows:

LOCATION: New Glarus Town Hall  
26 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
New Glarus, WI 53574

Note: Due to COVID-19 protocols, Town of New Glarus Parks Commission meetings will continue to have a virtual option.

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82719674578?pwd=Sk91TmZFWnZ0OFR5a0U4TEJpNEJkdz09>

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### AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Proof of Posting
3. Approve April 19, 2022, Parks Commission Meeting Minutes
4. Public Comments
5. Update on Tree Sale Pickup and Electronics Recycling Event—Harry, Kelly, & Chris
6. Plan to Discuss at June Parks Commission Meeting the Donation of Proceeds from the Tree Sale--Harry
7. Update on Newspaper Insert for 2022 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Survey Promotion—Harry
8. Discuss Prairie Workshop—Dana
9. Discuss Seeding of Prairie Plants at BBRC after a Fall Burn—Dana
10. Discuss Holding Another Invasive Species Workshop—Jason
11. Update on Talk with Andy Elkins about a River Tripping Workshop--Harry
12. Update on Trail along County NN—Chris & Mark
13. Discuss Town Newsletter—Chris
14. Schedule Next Meeting June 15, 2022
15. Adjourn

POSTED: 5/12/2022

New Glarus Town Hall  
New Glarus Garage  
New Glarus Post Office

<https://townofnewglarus.com/>

Harry Pulliam, Chair  
New Glarus Parks Commission

John Wright, Clerk-Treasurer

Pursuant to applicable law, notice is hereby given that a quorum or a majority of the New Glarus Town Board or Plan Commission Members may attend this meeting. Information presented at this meeting may help form the rationale behind future actions that may be taken by the Town of New Glarus Board. Persons requiring additional services to participate in a public meeting may contact the Town Clerk for assistance at 527-2390.

## PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

Minutes

**Attending:** Chair Harry Pulliam, Chris Narveson (departed 6:36 PM), Mark Pernitz, Dana Emmerton (virtual), and Jason Neton (arrived at 6:05 PM)

**Absent:** Mona Sue French and Kelly Ruschman

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Pulliam at 6:00 PM.
2. **Proof of Posting:** Commissioner Narveson attested to proof of posting.
3. **Approve March 16, 2022, Parks Commission Minutes:** Commissioner Pernitz would like the minutes to indicate that Beth Karr and Kelly Ruschman were in attendance; without objection. A motion to approve the minutes, as amended, was made by Commissioner Narveson; second by Commissioner Pernitz. Motion carried.
4. **Public Comments:** Chair Pulliam reported that the Clerk-Treasurer does not currently have access to the Facebook page other than News and Notices posted to the website also post to Facebook. Pulliam reached out to former Clerk-Treasurer Salter who could not recall that information, but suggested reaching out to Town Web who manage the website. The trees that were ordered from Sustainable Wildlife Habitats had not arrived by yesterday, so it is unlikely that they will be distributed on April 23, 2022 as planned; nevertheless, the electronic recycling event will take place on that date between 9 AM and 2 PM. Those who ordered trees have been notified of the likely delay. Commissioner Narveson will pick up the root dip from Green County Conservation. Kim Tschudy, by email, reminded the Commission that April is Wisconsin Historic Preservation month. A local property owner, who has land in the Town of Primrose and possibly in the Town of New Glarus, has expressed interest in establishing public trails on a portion of the property. According to Commissioner Neton, the owner's research revealed that there were once improvements on the land by native peoples. There followed a brief discussion of the Park Commission's role in establishing and promoting connections among a variety of groups in support of local land conservation and historic preservation efforts. Included in tonight's materials is a spreadsheet prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer to re-establish the terms for the seven positions on the Parks Commission. Terms are for seven years beginning on July 1<sup>st</sup>; each term overlaps, so no two positions renew at the same time.
5. **Discuss Status of 2022 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) Update:** see below.
6. **Discuss Mailer Referencing CORP Survey, Tree Pickup, and Electronics Recycling Event:** Chair Pulliam reported on the mailing sent out to Town residents that included a link to the CORP survey. Thanks were expressed to Beth Karr who volunteered her time to organize the layout with edits provided by Pulliam. There followed a brief discussion of the survey process and public hearing/input when approving the current version of the CORP. Chair Pulliam would like any alternate survey questions to be presented to him and Katherine Westaby of Vierbicher Associates in writing so that it is neutral and not leading those responding to a foregone conclusion. Pulliam wondered how will the

differences to the survey be accounted for statistically if the survey is changed at this point? There followed a brief discussion regarding how best to achieve a balance and how other communities with trails succeed at public buy-in.

7. **Discuss Newspaper Insert for Second Round of CORP Survey Promotion:** Pulliam shared a draft of an insert that will be included in the Post Messenger Recorder around the second week of May that will announce how many responses have been received and what the majority of participants favor. Depending upon the number of responses, the survey deadline might be extended until June 4, 2022; the original deadline is May 6, 2022.
8. **Discuss Need for Updated Mailing List of Town of New Glarus Residents:** Sherri Hawkins, Green County Treasurer, shared an updated mailing list of property owners to the Clerk-Treasurer. The list has not been filtered to eliminate duplicates or property owners who do not reside within the Town. The current mailing list is three years old, according to Chair Pulliam, and should be updated. Without objection, Commissioner Neton will request the updated, but unfiltered list from the Clerk-Treasurer.
9. **Brainstorm about Potential Summer 2022 Workshops and Events:** There was brief discussion about potential workshops including the Silver Paddles Workshop that had been scheduled for April 18, 2020 that was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. It was noted that a controlled burn is scheduled soon at the land within the Blue Bird Ridge Conservancy. When wildflowers/native grasses emerge, a workshop could be conducted at the Conservancy site and/or an established prairie, possibly with a representative from Prairie Enthusiasts. Another possibility is to have a Town-wide or neighborhood roadside cleanup event with a potluck to follow.
10. **Update on Trail along County NN:** Commissioner Narveson reported that he spoke with Cheryl Housley at the WI Department of Natural Resources. The grant can be applied to a trail within the road right-of-way, but cannot be on the same grade as the traffic lane or shoulder. The deadline to complete the work can be extended, if necessary. The Town will need permission from Green County to relocate the trail within the County road right-of-way.
11. **Schedule Next Meeting** – the next meeting will be held on May 18, 2022 at 6:00 PM
12. **Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Pernitz; second by Commissioner Neton at 7:10 PM.

Approved:

Minutes transcribed by Clerk/Treasurer Wright from Zoom recording



# Your Voice, Your Vision, Your Community

## The Results Are In!

**The Town of New Glarus Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Community Survey** is nearly complete. The survey is an opportunity for Town of New Glarus residents to tell the Parks Commission how they would like to improve or expand recreational facilities and services. It is also a way for folks to advise Town Government how some of their hard-earned tax dollars should be spent!

Thus far, we've received **55** responses. Most of the people who completed the survey said that they wished for the Town to have an **indoor community recreation center, trails that connect the Town to the Village, or adult recreational programs**. 47 percent of the respondents were over 60 years of age.

While 55 is a decent number of replies (there are 540 households in the Town) and the feedback is great, we'd still like to get additional input, so we're extending the survey deadline to **Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**.

**Here's how to participate (and be entered into a drawing for one of three New Glarus Chamber Bucks \$100 gift certificates):**

**First, complete and submit the survey** online or via paper copy **by Saturday, June 4, 2022**.

- **Online:** Go to <https://tinyurl.com/TNG-CORP>
- **Paper copy:** Call New Glarus Town Clerk John Wright at (608) 527-2390.

**Then, join the community discussion** at the July Town of New Glarus Parks Meeting:

- **What:** Discuss the Outdoor Recreation Plan and Survey Results
- **When:** Wednesday, July 20, 2022 – 7:00-8:00pm
- **Where:** Town Hall, 26 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, New Glarus, WI 53574

**We hope to hear from you soon!**

# Invasive Species Workshop

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Bailey's Run Winery

## Description

Join the New Glarus Parks Commission for presentations on invasive species that affect our ecology here in southern WI. There will be presentations from three speakers who are experienced conservationists presenting on invasive species, their effect on the environment, and methods for controlling their proliferation and impact on native species.

## Invasive Species Topics

- Why control invasive species?
- Prairie invasive plant species
- Woodland invasive plant species
- Wetlands invasive plant species
- Invasive animal species
- All invasive species control techniques
- Prairie restoration concepts
- Perennial gardens and invasive species



**SPECIAL DOOR PRIZE DRAWING! Win a Parsnip Predator tool donated by the Sauk chapter of The Prairie Enthusiasts**

**Light refreshments will be served, and additional food and drink are available for purchase**

## Date and Time

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

## Location

Bailey's Run Winery  
N8523 Klitzke Rd,  
New Glarus, WI 53574



## Speakers

### **Kelly Kearns**

Kelly has a B.S. in Horticulture and Landscape Design from Purdue University and an M.S. in Restoration Ecology from the UW-Madison.

Kelly is primarily responsible for coordinating work regarding terrestrial invasive plants for the Wisconsin DNRs Natural Heritage Conservation program. This includes education and outreach, policy and rule revisions such as NR 40, working with partners and researchers, early detection and sharing control information.

### **Mike Davis**

Mike has been interested and working with native species and the prevention of invasive species for over 20 years and has been an active member of The Prairie Enthusiasts during that time. Mike graduated as a Master Gardener upon completion of the coursework and hours required in 2004 and is also a Master Composter and Plant Home Advisor. For the last few years he has held a post as the Weed Commissioner for the Village and Town of New Glarus. His motto is "Have spade, Will Travel!"

### **Matt Sheaffer**

Matt has been doing personal land management and invasive species removal on personal and friend's land for over 20 years. Matt has been dedicated to farming and land conservation efforts most of his life, and in the last year started working at Applied Ecological Services. Matt's focus is with their seed germination work at Taylor Creek Nurseries, a division that specializes in the germination of native plants and seed viability for prairie restoration.

***This event is sponsored by:***

***The Town of New Glarus Parks Commission***

**This workshop is FREE – Please RSVP at [bit.ly/Invasives2019](http://bit.ly/Invasives2019)**

**Call: 608/527-2390**

**Email: [psalter@townofnewglarus.com](mailto:psalter@townofnewglarus.com)**



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### What are invasive species and how do I control them?

March 29, 2021

\*First Name  \*Last Name  \*Email Address  What county do you own wood?  How many wooded acres do you own?

Invasive species are unwanted plants or animals that can easily invade your woods, and outcompete and displace native species.

Over time, they can significantly change your land and reduce your forest's health. For example, if tree seedlings can't compete with invaders, what will this mean for the future of your woods?

*We won't use your email address for any other purpose and you may unsubscribe at any time.*

*\*Required field*

*Photo courtesy of WI Department of Natural Resources*

### What are invasive species?

Typically, invasive species are plants and animals that are not native to our region. They spread rapidly because no natural diseases or predators exist to keep their populations in check. In other words, they aren't playing by the rules.

However, invasive species can also be native plants and animals whose populations have become overabundant because of past or current land use.

Ironwood, prickly ash, and whitetail deer are all examples of native species that may be locally abundant to the point of interfering with the health and functioning of forestland.

### How do I know if I have invasive species?

Many different invasive species may be present in your woods now, and new ones are likely to arrive in coming years. Here, we profile the main types of invasive species, with a focus on specific plants, animals, and diseases that are having the greatest impacts in Wisconsin today.

- Non-woody plant: garlic mustard
- Small tree: buckthorn
- Shrub: honeysuckle
- Disease: oak wilt
- Animal: emerald ash borer

Early spring and late fall are the best times to walk your property – both on and off trail – to monitor for invasive plants. This is because many invasive plants green up early in spring or hold their leaves late into fall, which makes them stand out.

Invasive species are usually brought into new areas by people or wildlife, so make sure to check thoroughly along human and animal trails for invasive plants.



*Photo: Joshua Mayer (flickr.com)*

### Will prescribed burning control invasive species?

Prescribed fire can definitely top-kill every plant on your property, but what this means is that only the above-ground portions of the plants are killed. Afterward, invasive species will likely re-sprout and gather enough energy to produce seed, usually within just a couple of years of burning.

Repeated fires, on the other hand, may effectively suppress an invasive plant; however, using a general management method to control a specific plant can place you in a bind. The need to control an invasive species now dictates how often you burn, which may conflict with other goals for your property.

This is why we recommend matching a specific control method to a specific invasive species whenever possible. Not only will this control that species better, but it will also let you apply burning in a way that serves the entire natural community you're trying to manage.

### Where can I get help?

Of course, other invasive species may be in your woods besides the five types we profile here. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources maintains a website on invasive plants and animals, including pictures and fact sheets that will help you identify invaders and learn how to control their spread.

To learn about the invasive species that are specific to your land, you can also work with a forester to walk your woods and prepare a management plan. And once you have a plan in place, various government financial assistance programs will share the cost with you of fighting invasive species on your property.

### More Woodland Owner Resources

How much are my trees worth?

Benefits of creating a burning habitat.

How do I attract more wildlife?

Your Trees at Risk: Heterobasidion Root Disease (HRD)

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## WHEN

**January 11th, 2020**  
**2pm - 4pm**

## WHERE

**New Glarus Town Hall**  
**26 5th Avenue, New Glarus WI**

## EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PLANNING YOUR WISCONSIN RIVER TRIP

**BROUGHT TO YOU BY SILVER PADDLES AND THE TOWN OF NEW GLARUS PARKS COMMISSION • Navigating River Trips • Expect the Unexpected • Choosing your Location • Planning your Route • Water Temperature • Where to Camp • Emergency Kits • What to Pack • Gear • How to Handle Quickly Changing Weather • Food and Water Needs • What to do when an emergency happens • Finding Planning tools and Resources**

## ALL AGES EVENT

## ADVANCE TICKETS

**Free Town of New Glarus  
Parks Commission  
Workshop**

## ABOUT OUR PRESENTORS



Andrew and Ethan Elkins father and son have been canoe, kayak, and paddleboard camping all their lives. Andrew began his outdoor adventures in the Boundary Waters at age 5 and Ethan at age 3. Andrew and Ethan are happiest when exploring and surrounding themselves in nature. Both have been involved in Boy Scouts. Andrew was a Scoutmaster and Ethan earned the honor of Eagle Scout. They enjoy giving speaking events on advanced outdoor skills for Scouting groups, REI and at Canoecopia. In 2016 they crossed 200 miles and 45 portages through the Boundary Waters using the Border Route on paddleboards. In the summer of 2019, they paddle boarded from Stevens Point, WI to the Mississippi on the Wisconsin River.



Contact: XXXXXXX, Town of New Glarus Clerk,  
608-527-2390 [XXXXXX@townofnewglarus.com](mailto:XXXXXX@townofnewglarus.com)

## **Free Workshop on Planning your Wisconsin River Trip**

A free Workshop on navigating Wisconsin river trips is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, from 2 pm -4 pm at the New Glarus Town Hall, located at 26 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in New Glarus. The Town of New Glarus Parks Commission is sponsoring this workshop as part of its ongoing educational outreach program. The workshop is open to anyone interested in learning more about:

- Navigating River Trips • Expect the Unexpected • Choosing your Location
- Planning your Route • Water Temperature • Where to Camp • Emergency Kits
- What to Pack • Gear • How to Handle Quickly Changing Weather
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The Parks Commission is also looking for volunteers to help with activities planned for the 175 Anniversary of New Glarus. Please contact XXXXX, 608-527-2390 or [XXXXXX@townofnewglarus.com](mailto:XXXXXX@townofnewglarus.com) to find out more. Watch the Town website <https://townofnewglarus.com> for notices and then plan to attend a meeting to learn more about this fun group.