REPORT FOR OCTOBER 11, 2021 VILLAGE MEETING

Volunteers have continued to work for a few hours each week on Thursday mornings.

The work over the last two months has been divided between working in the Fen and on the natural area between the Lodge and Decker’s house. Additional work on the wildflower seeded areas was completed.

In the Fen area removal of thistles by hand was completed. The trails were cleared of vegetation including removal of fallen trees that had fallen on to the trails. Volunteers help TV Maintenance remove a large tree branch that had fallen into Pond #6.

Work has started in the natural area by the Lodge with exposing hemlock trees that were planted a few years ago and had become over grown with weeds and other invasive plants. The plan is to complete the removal of unwanted vegetation, lay cardboard to prevent growth of weeds and re-sprouting of the invasive plants; Then the whole area will be dressed with mulch. Future plan is to plant trees and native shrubs to fill the area with plantings to attract birds and other insects.

We have had mixed results with the wildflower seeded areas. We have applied herbicide to kill weeds and other invasive vegetation and will reseed this winter.

David Hall has been appointed by the TVA to be Chairman of the Fen, Ponds, Landscaping and Gardens Committee. All of the Village’s Nature Conservancy Board members have agreed to serve on the TVA Committee. Hopefully we will be able to expand our group of volunteers through the mutual cooperation of the Village and the TVA.

The Nature Conservancy Board held two meetings one on August 18 and another on October 5, 2021

David Hall