

**West Tisbury Library
Building Committee Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2013**

Committee Members: Leah Smith (Chair), Paul Levine, Linda Hearn, Tucker Hubble
Landscape Subcommittee: Nelia Decker, Tim Boland, Barbara Day, Margaret Logue
Daedalus: John Christiansen
Architects: Not in attendance
Public: Beth Kramer, Lynn Whiting

Leah Smith called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

- 1) Leah asked for an update on the consultation with Seth Wilkinson of Wilkinson Ecological Design, Inc. of Orleans, MA, regarding the noxious plant, *Polygonum cuspidatum*, known as Japanese knotweed, growing on the north side of the property. Linda reported the site review occurred on Friday, February 1, 2013 at 10:30 AM. Tim and John also attended. She noted the meeting was originally scheduled for Thursday, January 31, but was cancelled due to bad weather halting transportation to the island.
- 2) Tim explained the assessment of the plants on site, noting Seth advised *Polygonum cuspidatum* was not growing vigorously due to the shady location of the stand of plants. He noted Seth estimated an area of about 900 SF on the abutting property that is main patch of growth. Seth sent a proposal of \$3,600 to initiate the active management of this patch using a stem injection method. Tim advised this method contains the active ingredient, glyphosate, inside the plant, thus does not allow seepage into the soils or other plants.
- 3) John advised that Seth estimated the *Polygonum cuspidatum* in the path of pending excavation would be two or three truckloads of material. The estimate to remove soil from the site to an acceptable location on island was \$35 per CY and \$100 per CY, if the material had to be trucked off island.
- 4) Following discussion of options for action, Leah entertained a motion to budget \$15,000 for the removal of up to a 100 CY of excavated material containing *Polygonum cuspidatum* to an appropriate location, and for the treatment of existing and potential new growth during the duration of construction. Tucker so moved and Paul seconded. The approval was unanimous.
- 5) Linda offered to contact Richard Olson about accepting the excavated material onto town property where Tim advised the plant is growing profusely.
- 6) On a motion by Paul and seconded by Linda, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.