

Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC) Report

To ILYM Continuing Committee

October 5, 2013

The ECC met with Maintenance and Planning and Site Envisioning Committees (SE) at the ILYM campus on September 7, 2013 to conduct business, worship, and work. After breakfast, we were treated to a brief rain shower before work started. Much work was conducted around the property including removing the yews from the front of the garage on the Clear Creek House (CCH), cutting of dead limbs off trees, cutting of mulberries adjacent to the barn, weeding under the burning bushes along the walkway to the Clear Creek House entrance and much more. A major task was completed by farmer Bob, who brought his road grader to create the pathway from the meeting house to the CCH. Once graded, the sod remained, so it was decided to let the sod dry out and then Bob would return to disc it. This has been accomplished with nice results. Dick Ashdown hopes to roll the pathway before sowing the seed. We hope to plant the seed for the pathway before winter, but that may be postponed till spring.

Adrian Fisher has written a document highlighting the spiritual and responsibility dimensions of considering portable solar power sources for various power needs, e.g. lighting and CPAP operation. This report and concept was presented to the combined committees for the Stewards' and M & P's consideration in light of the ILYM minute authorizing the yearly meeting to provide electricity to the cabins. Adrian will submit the document to Among Friends and the ECC will present a workshop about the spiritual, ecological, and practical dimensions of using portable solar panels rather than depending upon power generated from coal-fired power plants.

The ECC continues to plan for the ILYM grounds with both M&P and SE committees.

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