

# **Greenfield Conservation Commission**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**September 27, 2023**

**Recorded by Michelle Hall**

Members Attending: Karen Day, Kate Dean, David Hall, Tom Bregani, Brenda Gollihue, Candi Fowler

Excused Members: Kristine Hall

7:00 pm Karen called the meeting to order.

### **Accept or Amend July & August Meeting Minutes**

Kate motioned to accept July and August meeting minutes as amended. Seconded by Brenda. Motion passed, all were in favor.

### **Current Business:**

#### **1. Ongoing Pollinator Garden Project**

- Pollinator Community Project: The Oak Park Committee is still interested in building a pollinator garden at Oak Park with the help of the GCC. Karen explained that Moosewood wants to do a community event in the spring and this could be a showcase in what can be done. The GCC is in the position to help order and buy plants instead of giving man power. Dave Thimmel is able to get manure on his own to begin work this fall. The GCC is willing to purchase a sign for the garden if Dave is willing to build something to hold it. The GCC also discussed asking the DPW if they would be able to scrap the junk material off the top of the proposed planting area. Karen suggested asking Moosewood for help with the types of plants that would work well in the proposed area. The Oak Park Committee would additionally like to purchase two trees to plant as a memorial, maybe create a memorial garden.
- Other possible site(s) – Fire Dept. along building – okayed by the Chief: Karen suggested that planting around the sign may be better than the original thought of planting along the building due to the salt use. Also, along the Meeting House Cemetery fence would be another possible pollinator garden location. Tom stated that the Forest Committee had discussed asking the GCC for help planting something more native around the George Proctor Forest

#### **2. Hazards at the Blacksmith parking lot and the Fire Dept. lot**

- Meeting with the Selectboard – JB Mack from SWRPC joined, he went over ideas on funding and what other options there are rectifying the issue. The select board was happy to hear of this and that the GCC was willing to take the lead on the task. JB offered to talk with DES, this has not happened yet but will very soon. Tom will start a spreadsheet with costs and from whom. The select board will have to sign off on this. There will be another update next month.

3. Programs: David
  - Rich Masters is presenting a program on Bobcats 10/19, Brenda will hang flyer up at the library, David will send a digital copy to David Bridgewater. Brenda will send a copy to the Monadnock Ledger Transcript for the press release and their calendar. This will be the last program for this year.
4. Next Articles for the Spirit – David recommended the programs be changed to odd months at the beginning of 2024 due to the digital version of the Spirit coming out later than the paper version. Karen suggested having a bunch of ‘Did you know?’ to pick from for each edition of the Spirit, maybe with a little picture.
  - Article for the Oct/Nov Spirit is done
  - Article for the Dec/Jan issue – ideas? Winter hiking, stuff to do in the winter, snow shoeing, observing nature in the winter – Tom is willing to write an article, others can send him what they like to do in the winter and he can add those in. Karen will ask David to create a winter hiking article for the Dec/Jan issue and observing nature for the Feb/March issue. Karen will ask David if and what he has for Jan program. The GCC discussed some additional program ideas. There was a stonewall program which took place at the library some time ago, this would be great for a winter program.
5. NHACC Annual Meeting November 4<sup>th</sup> – Karen and Tom will attend.
6. NHDES Shoreland Application for North River Road Properties and Lot Line Adjustment for Jim Fletcher – this will be discussed at the next meeting.
7. Mailchimp is loaded with our email list – Karen is in the process of creating the first letter. The GCC discussed the letter could be a review of the solar program and what programs are coming up. They also discussed maybe one or two emails a month.
8. Change of ConCom email address. It is now [ConCom@greenfield-nh.gov](mailto:ConCom@greenfield-nh.gov) and is working
9. Karen sent out the donation check to the Harris Center.
10. Karen is on the Rivers Committee, and explained that Bennington does a River Paddle every year, it would be great if other towns would do this same thing at the same time. The GCC discussed starting an event like this and possible location sites to start/stop at.
11. The GCC discussed other town forests and who is responsible for them, being the Forest Committee and the Sportsman’s Club. There are some questions on what is conservation land in town.
12. Kate motioned to appoint Shelly to go through the GCC filing cabinet to clean it up a bit. Brenda seconded. Motion passed, all were in favor.
13. The GCC discussed the end of the year meetings. Karen will reach out to the committee and see when everyone is available for a meeting between November and December and get back to everyone.

8:22 pm Kare motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Brenda. Motion passed, all were in favor. The next meeting of the GCC will be October 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm upstairs at the town hall.