

## Greenfield Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Janice Pack

February 27, 2019

Attendees: Roger Lessard, Karen Day, Kate Dean, Neal Brown, Carol Irvin

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairperson Roger Lessard. The following items were addressed:

Accept or Amend Previous Meeting Minutes – Roger asked for a motion to accept; Kate moved to accept, and Neal seconded. All were in favor; motion passed.

NRI Review Status – Karen said that she had emailed everyone the document with the proposed changes. On the maps, everything is still named twice, and 2 maps are still too brightly colored. Carol asked if we could add page numbers. Karen thought they were there; she'll check. Carol had made a few editorial notes; she hopes those will show up. Kate confirmed there were page numbers at the top. Karen plans to send this off now.

Planning the Perennial Calendar March/April – It's too late to put something in The Spirit now for March. Karen said Bev did schedule the bee workshop for March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Roger said that Stephanie did host a Scat Fest at the Library during Winter Fest and had forwarded a report on how it went.

Roger said the Roundup is in April, and for May 11<sup>th</sup> we'll schedule Reynolds Monitoring. Roger said last year we started at 7:00 AM, which worked out well.

Ideas for the Roadside Roundup – This is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>. Stephanie has offered to bring a tent and set it up at the Recycling Center. We could offer coffee and pastries 8:00-10:30, and switch over to hot dogs and chips then, and end at 2:00. Roger did speak to Carole, and she is in favor of this.

**ACTION ITEM: KAREN WILL ASK RICK IF THEY HAVE A GRILL TO USE.**

We had talked about doing the Plastics Reduction Program on the same day, but that might take people away from the Roadside Roundup, so perhaps its better to do one thing at a time. Neal suggested we contact John Manley to see if he has something specific on plastics.

**ACTION ITEM: ROGER WILL REACH OUT TO JOHN.**

Program Suggestions – Karen wanted to set a date in August for the Water Testing. She'd like to shoot for August 10<sup>th</sup>. Roger said this time we'll have people go to the Meeting House because that's where the refrigerators are. He spoke to Lou at DES regarding the worksheet to help people interpret their results.

Karen asked if we were going to try and host something each month; Roger said the idea was to show people different facets of the GCC. Karen wondered if there might be any interest in town to do some sort of water program, maybe canoeing on the river or that sort of thing. Maybe in July?

**ACTION ITEM: ROGER WILL SEE IF THE RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS.**

The GCC discussed lead sinkers and buckshot, and perhaps doing a program on that.

**ACTION ITEM: ROGER WILL LOOK INTO A LEAD EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

Karen asked about combining a float and loon program, maybe in July?

**ACTION ITEM: KAREN WILL RESEARCH A POND FLOAT OR RACE, AND TIE IN SOMETHING EDUCATIONAL**

Pollinator Project – Roger spoke to Ethan Belair who's in charge of the Forestry Program. He's interested in our plan to convert the septic field to a Wildflower Meadow; they plan to get together around April 1<sup>st</sup> when most of the snow is off the property. Roger asked Kate if she'd be interested in working on the assessment with them; she said she would.

**ACTION ITEM: ROGER NEEDS TO SPEAK TO RICK McQUADE TO SEE IF HE'S CONTACTED P.J. SEPTIC.**

Roger spoke about having Jeremy not mow the grass on 1/3 of the lot; perhaps we could lay down black plastic. Roger asked Neal who mowed the area beyond the Community Garden, which is Town property. He's wondering why mow it? Why not just plant flowers there?

Karen said that Bev has planned the Bee Hotel program for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. She wants to find out more about what Jodi Turner's presentation includes.

Kate suggested giving everyone who comes to the program a little packet of seeds. Roger said it wouldn't hurt to ask Achille's for donations or discounts.

Plastics Reduction Project Update – Roger said that the Contoocook North River Branch Advisory Committee didn't meet in February; he's waiting to get more ideas from them. Karen said the whole idea is to get people to reduce use of plastics.

#### Other Business:

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm on a motion from Roger; seconded by Neal. Roger thanked Neal for all of his years of service.

The next regular meeting of the Greenfield Conservation Commission will be March 27, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Pack to Roger Lessard for approval, corrections, distribution, and posting.*