

# **Greenfield Conservation Commission**

Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Michelle Hall

October 28, 2020

Members Attending: Roger Lessard, Karen Day, Carol Irvin, Candi Fowler, Kate Dean

Absent Members: Stephanie Kokal

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Roger Lessard.

## Accept or Amend Previous Meeting Minutes:

The GCC unanimously agreed to accept the previous meeting minutes as printed.

## Pollinator Project Meadow Park – Kate

The GCC discussed what to do next with Meadow Park. Roger mentioned a recent article in the Hippo by gardening expert Henry Homeyer, recommending the use of black plastic in preparing land for planting wildflowers. He suggested that the GCC could lay down black plastic (approx. 10'x100' per roll) from where the fence used to be and extending toward the church property. Roger has found the black plastic at Edmund's for \$50 per roll and the 6" u-shaped staples costing \$17 for 100. Labor for this would be supplied by the GCC on a non-windy day before snow fall. The GCC plans to do this very soon and plans to remove it around May, once the vegetation underneath has died off. The GCC discussed several different types of flowers, some that self-seed, which may work well in Meadow Park but they will make their decision next spring.

## Pathways Project:

The GCC discussed the Pathways Project and the possibility of holding a Zoom meeting to explain it to town residents. There is time to add the Pathway Project Newsletter to the Spirit. The GCC could purchase Pathway Project signs to provide to participants who wish to display them on their property. Kate will talk with her friend who was willing to help with the kiosk, to see if she will help to design the signs to design them.

## Budget:

The GCC went over its proposed budget for 2021, keeping several line items unchanged. The consensus is to increase Dues and Subscriptions; decrease General Supplies, Mileage and Programs. It was decided to change the Roadside Roundup to \$200, and sending out an EDDM (Every Door Direct Mailer) on card stock for the upcoming year. This will help to encourage residents to do their part safely, while following COVID-19 guidelines. A Meadow Park Pollinator Project line item will be added, with a budget of \$1500 to cover planting in the spring, another in the fall, and erecting a kiosk. Roger will create the budget worksheet and share it with GCC members for review after this meeting. Pending approval, he plans to send this to the town administrator tomorrow.

8:10 pm Roger adjourned the meeting. The next meeting of The GCC will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm via Zoom meeting. Carol motioned to adjourn, seconded by Kate; all were in favor. Motion passed.