Greenfield Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2022

In attendance: Karen Day, Kate Dean, Candi Fowler, Carol Irvin, Roger Lessard

Discussed minutes and the process of what other boards do....most boards file draft minutes with the town administrator, then vote to approve/amend them at their next meeting. GCC will adopt this model going forward from this date.

Old Business:

Meadow Park

- Seeding Licorice mint seeds are back-ordered until at least 4/6
 - We considered pollinator power packs from Prairie Moon Nursery https://www.prairiemoon.com/
 - What to plant by the blacksmith shop
 - Zinnias and lilacs, possibly amending soil with green sand
 - Action Karen will ask the DPW about digging there
- Irrigating To Be Determined
 - Ideas watering and weeding
 - Inviting volunteers to adopt a section eventually
- Planning and installing the kiosk
 - Thinking about putting it by the blacksmith shop it would be in the middle of the pollinator pathway, in a highly visible location

Easel

Motion to purchase a folding easel for presentations – Karen and seconded by Candi All in favor – 5-0-0

Action – Karen will have Catherine Shaw order one from Staples, charged to General Supplies

Projects:

Cleaning out our property from the old gym -3/20/22 at 1pm - Candi, Roger and Karen will be onsite Easement monitoring - Reynolds Field - site walk on May 1st at 8am - bring binoculars for some birding possibilities

Wetlands Project:

- Got Permits posters ordered and received
- Wetlands article for the spirit Roger is doing this
- On hold wetlands mapping
- Naming unnamed bodies of water in Greenfield maybe a contest?
- Tom Tyning confirmed for April 16th

Forestry Committee – no new business

Thoughts – George Proctor Recreation Area is separate from the town forest....could the forest be named for Hunter Carbee?

Perennial calendar -

April – Tom Tyning/Roadside Roundup – Candi to email Stephanie about borrowing the popup – 10 - 2p

We'd like to hand out seeds – display pollinator pathway map - have baked goods - we'd need a table – finalize plans in April

Motion – to spend up to \$30 on seeds and labels for the roadside roundup – by Candi- seconded by Carol All in favor 5-0-0

May – Pollinator program by Moosewood Ecological – at library

June – Water Testing TBD – Action – Roger to call Lou Barinelli for a date

Other possibilities

July – iNaturalist presentation

August -

September -

October -

Site Walk Protocol – Formalize the process – on hold until April 2022 meeting.

- Make site walks a formal meeting
- Take photos
- Insist on project planner/designer to be present
- Record names of all present
- Create a check list of questions (Waiting to see if there is a checklist from NHACC)

Moosewood Ecological Proposal -

We are interested in the entire scope of work.

Motion by Karen Day - Authorize up to \$2500 out of the conservation fund to implement the Moosewood Ecological Proposal, including plant purchasing. Seconded by: Kate Dean – motion passed: 5-0-0

FYI -

Oak Park Committee is meeting on 4/8/2022 at 5:30pm at the Library

Here's the facebook page for Greenfield: https://www.facebook.com/groups/GreenfieldMeetingPlace - we may consider posting pictures or using the library email chain to get news and pics out about our pollinator project.

Motion to adjourn – 8:55pm by Karen Day seconded by Carol Irvin and passed