

Greenfield Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2022

Recorded by Michelle Hall

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

7:09 pm Chairman Roger called the meeting to order.

Business

Accept or amend previous meeting minutes. Candi motioned to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Kate. All were in favor - 5-0 passed.

Old Business

Meadow Park: The GCC will sow clover, rather than go with the original plan.

- Seeding; Schedule removal of all plastic and weights – Roger and Candi will remove and discard the plastic and weights May 20th at 4:30 pm.
- Decided on type of clover to sow – The GCC decided to go with white clover, available at Achille Agway.
- Irrigating **Yet to be resolved**, Roger will talk with Ray Cilley to see about, however this wouldn't be much of an issue with clover as it doesn't require much attention.
- Planning and installing kiosk **Possible change in location, this is still being discussed**

Pollinator Pathway:

- Preparing bed for sowing zinnias – The GCC will complete this project Saturday May 28th at 8:30am. They will first lay a roll of 3'x72' paper, followed by 2 yards of soil/compost mix.
- Irrigation plan for above – They could use the pond behind the blacksmith shop or would likely be able to run a hose from the blacksmith shop with permission.
- Informing community about PP: **Need for social media**, The GCC discussed asking the Oak Park Committee to post about PP. Candi will reach out to Dave Thimmel from the Oak Park Committee.
- Designing, acquiring & disseminating PP participant yard signs – work in progress
- Building and installing bluebird boxes in appropriate town-owned land – **TBD**
- Publish lists of recommended pollinator-friendly plants and a time line of when they bloom – **Link to town website?**

Completing projects already begun:

Resume cleaning out our property from the old gym - Good start on March 20, **more work needed**. Karen and Roger have been working on this in spare time.

Wetlands Project

- Write wetlands articles for inclusion in The Greenfield Spirit – **New article for June-July Spirit**. Roger is working on this and would like to get this in soon. Candi will work on an article for the August/September issue.

- Attempt to identify, classify and ground-truth various types of town wetlands, beginning with those on town-owned land – **to be scheduled**

Forestry Committee:

- Determine membership appointment status – **Town clerk swearing in all members with staggered expiration years.** Carol will schedule to meet with town clerk to be sworn in. The Forestry Committee members are hoping to plant some apple trees in memory of Hunter Carbee.

Perennial Calendar:

- Review and update with focus on interacting with public – work in progress

Website/Facebook:

- Revamp digital presence to reflect focus on pollinators and wetlands – discussed above

Pollinator Pathway:

- Propagate nursery stock at community garden? – Needs further discussion, not this year.

Well Water Testing:

- Presentation Confirmed for June 16, 7 pm at the library. Collection to take place at the Meeting House Sunday June 26 from 2 to 4 pm. Eight people are signed up so far. This information will be in the Spirit article, Kate will post on the Greenfield Community Facebook page.

New Business:

- How to transfer money from conservation fund to pay Moosewood Ecological – Roger talked with Catherine Shaw, money is removed and placed in the GCC budget. Roger suggests having a line item for these moneys.
- Site walk to Zephyr Lake Rd. This is tentatively scheduled for Sunday June 12th, 10 AM. Roger will schedule with the land owner.
- Consider temporary additional monthly GCC meeting to accommodate wetlands project – This will be further discussed at the June meeting.
- GCC involvement at Sunset Lake? Because the town owns the beach, GCC will offer to join any effort to form a lake association.

Sheila Nichols was present for tonight's meeting and expressed interest in becoming a GCC member. Roger will start the process.

8:50 pm Roger motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Karen. All were in favor- 5-0 passed. The next meeting of the GCC will be June 15th at 7 pm, upstairs at the town hall.