

# Greenfield Conservation Commission

## Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2022

Recorded by Michelle Hall

Members Attending: Karen Day, Kate Dean, Candi Fowler, Sheila Nichols, Roger Lessard

7:01 pm Chairman Roger called the meeting to order.

### Business:

#### Accept or Amend Previous Meeting Minutes

Karen moved to accept the previous meeting minutes. Seconded by Kate. Motion passed- all were in favor.

### Old Business:

#### Meadow Park:

- Sowing clover seed: Roger has the seed which will be sown in the fall
- Planning and installing kiosk: **Apply for Moose Plate Grant?** The consensus of the GCC is to wait until there is a more detailed plan before constructing the kiosk.

#### Pollinator Pathway:

- Informing community about PP: **Need for social media** -There is a Greenfield NH Community Facebook page which may be a good spot to spread the word for the PP. Also, the Jaffrey Conservation Commission has its own Gmail account, this may be something for the GCC to look into as well as having someone to be the administrator of the account. Action Item: Sheila will talk with Aaron about the GCC getting a town email address. Kate will put something on Facebook.
- Designing, acquiring & disseminating PP participant yard signs: The Jaffrey Conservation Commission' signs are political style (18" X 24") double-sided signs with simple messages. The GCC discussed two different types of signs, one to promote the PP and another, perhaps smaller, that could be displayed by private landowners who wish to feature their personal gardens. They discussed giving the personal garden signs out to residents once the GCC has confirmed that a garden contains pollinator plants. It may be a good idea to suggest that donations are welcome. This can be worked on this fall.
- Publish list of recommended pollinator-friendly plants and a time line of when they bloom – **Link to town website?** The GCC discussed having a meeting or event with the public to get them interested and invested in participating in the pollinator project. Maybe stir up the interest this fall so that people would be ready come spring. Announcements of public meetings re the Pollinator Project can be placed in upcoming issues of the Spirit.
- The GCC discussed distributing its current stock of seeds to the Oak Park Committee and the library for their use Action Item: Sheila will talk to her neighbor, who weeds the library gardens and the library director to see if they would like some seeds.

**Completing projects already begun:**

Resume cleaning out our property from the old gym – **Good start on March 20, more work needed**

**Perennial Calendar**

- Review and update with focus on interacting with public: The GCC discussed ideas such as: presenting a bird and flower slide show; wildlife education; sending a flyer through Greenfield Elementary School along with some seeds; buying and giving the school bulbs for the students to plant; etc. Action Items: Kate will reach out to a photographer to see if he might contribute some photos. Candi will contact a retired Fish & Game officer who started a wildlife education business. Roger will contact Carele Mayer to see if she would be interested in partnering with the GCC in her already established work with the school.

**Moosewood Ecological Progress**

- Community presentation, landscape scale assessment, and first seasonal habitat assessment have been completed.

**Well Water Testing:**

- Presentation Confirmed for August 9, 7 pm at the library. Collection to take place at the Meetinghouse Sunday August 21 from 2 to 4 pm.

**New Business:**

- Railroad right-of-way maintenance complaint: A Zephyr Lake Rd. resident complained regarding the manner in which the Milford & Bennington RR is clearing brush along the tracks adjacent to his property. The resident fears that the vegetative root structure has been weakened, which may allow contaminants to reach the lake. The complainant stated that a state inspector will be visiting the site in order to investigate. Roger explained to the resident that while the GCC is simply an advisory body, he would be interested to learn what the state inspector has to say. The resident agreed to notify Roger when the inspector comes to visit, so that he can be present, pending his availability.
- Environmental Complaint Response: The GCC discussed the need for a formal procedure to follow when anyone files an environmental complaint or suggests the GCC look into a matter. Action Item: Roger will contact NHACC Executive Director Barbara Richter to see if there is an existing boiler plate procedure that could be emulated, rather than to have to build one from scratch. Due to her experience with such matters in the course of her work, Candi offered to create a draft procedure for review.
- Crotched Mt. Memorial Garden Project. As a master gardener intern, Kate is working with the Crotched Mountain Foundation and other garden experts to introduce pollinator plants into the memorial garden near the entrance to the trail network. Kate would like to know if the GCC would care to be associated with it. The consensus of the GCC is to support the project.

8:30 pm Karen motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Sheila. Motion passed – all were in favor.