

Greenfield Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2022

Recorded by Michelle Hall

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

Guests Attending: Steven Lamonde

7:05 pm Chairman Roger called the meeting to order.

Business:

Moosewood Ecological pollinator assessment report – Steven Lamonde:

Steven was present to go over some of the assessment report. The data was collected in June and August of this year, with over 500 assessments being conducted. Steve explained that locations were scored in four categories such as native plants, native bee colonies, foraging, etc. Over all, the town leach field ranked the highest in every pollinator category, followed by the community gardens, Oak Park, the Meeting House and the library. Steve did point out that the town leach field and the community garden were the best pollinator locations in town.

Steven will give the GCC a complete written report with recommendations before the January 21st presentation, which he is willing to attend. He stated that they would be available to help with planting in May 2023. The GCC discussed planting by the black smith shop to be first priority. The GCC will contact Steven with a good day this spring to start the planting.

Accept or Amend Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Old Business:

Pollinator Pathways:

- Informing community about PP: Anything new?
- Designing, acquiring & disseminating PP participant yard signs: Roger has not ordered yet but will have them for the presentation on January 21st.
- Publish lists of recommended pollinator-friendly plants and a time line of when they bloom –
Not yet linked to website: Kate will send Shelly a link to add to the GCC page on the website.

Perennial Calendar:

- Review and update with focus on interacting with public – Follow-up from Kate & Candi

Website/Facebook:

- Revamp digital presence to reflect focus on pollinator and wetlands

New Business:

- **Plan Jan. 21st Pollinator Pathway Presentation:** Roger will look into a Master Gardener presenting which there is a recommended \$100 donation but no other fees. Roger did receive confirmation on the date from the library. Candi will create a backup power point of pollinators and plants for people to view while waiting for the presentation to begin. She will also make cupcakes for attendees.
- **Well water quality and health equity survey:** Roger forwarded an email to the GCC containing a survey regarding well water. Roger will complete the survey.
- **Decide whether to meet in December:** The consensus of the GCC is to cancel the December meeting.
- Roger explained that he will not continue as chair after his term is up in 2023. This poses an issue with the Forestry Committee as he and Carol make up the 2 GCC members on the committee. He will also not be continuing with the water committee. The GCC discussed the responsibilities with these positions which Roger will not be continuing in 2023.

8:15 pm Candi motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Kate. Motion passed – all were in favor. The next meeting of the GCC will be January 18th, 7pm upstairs at the town hall.