Greenfield Conservation Commission (GCC)

Meeting Minutes Special Meeting March 26, 2023 Recorded by Michelle Hall

Members Attending: Karen Day, Kate Dean, Candi Fowler

Guests Attending: Dave Hall, Kristine Hall, Brenda Gollihue, Tom Bregani,

10:00 am Karen called the meeting to order.

Accept or Amend Previous Meeting Minutes This is tabled until the next GCC meeting.

Karen introduced the guests attending today's meeting. She then explained what the GCC does and what their purpose is as an advisory committee. Dave, Kristine, Brenda and Tom all expressed their interest in joining the GCC. The day in which meetings are held will be a conflict for some members. The GCC discussed changing meetings to the 4th Wednesday at 7pm. Karen will reach out to Catherine Shaw to make sure the meeting room will be available to move the meeting date.

Candi nominated Karen to be chair of the GCC. Seconded by Kate. All were in favor, motion passed. All guests attending today's meeting chose to join the GCC. Kristine will hold the 1 year term, the others will hold the 3 year term. Karen will reach out to Doreen Adams, our Town Clerk, to create the paperwork and send it to the Selectboard. Once approved, members can visit the Town Clerk to get sworn in.

Karen is finishing up the Spirit, the GCC will need to finalize the Roadside Roundup planning. Candi is willing to set up at the transfer station with her pop-up tent and make treats as well. There should be enough bags left over from last year, more will not need to be procured this year. The Commission discussed creating an incentive by doing a raffle with gift card/gift basket prizes. Brenda will reach out to local businesses to get donations for the baskets. Candi volunteered for 11am-1pm to collect raffle tickets and Tom and Brenda volunteered for the 1-3 shift. Kristine and Dave will join in the morning shift. This year's Roadside Roundup will be April 29th. We can put seed packets out for the taking as well. Karen will create an article for the Spirit and will send to all the GCC members to ensure accuracy from today's discussion.

Karen suggested that it would be good to create a trail map for the town. They all agreed with the benefits of this. Francestown created one, Tom will bring it to the next meeting. Brenda would be interested in designing a trails map. Dave suggested reaching out to the Eagle Scouts to build a kiosk with trail maps, the GCC could fund the lumber.

The Town webpage was discussed. It was noted that it needs updating. Karen will email Henry at the Southwest Regional Planning Commission (SWRPC) to see if they may have a pdf copy of the NRI (Natural Resource Inventory) that we could add to the page.

What are the next moves for the pollinator garden? The GCC talked about putting in a pollinator garden, this needs to be completed this year. Karen suggested to do a simple zinnia garden this year. Then they could plant perennials in future years. The preparations and planting will take place April 15th at 10am. Dave will contact Digsafe, Mike Merzi about bringing 5 yards of soil, and he will bring his tractor to speed up the process.

Kate would like to take the open River's Committee (CNBRLAC) position. Karen will let Roger know to get in contact with Kate for this.

11:45 am Karen motioned to adjourn. All were in favor.

The next meeting of the GCC will be April 26th at 7 pm.