

Greenfield Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2023

Recorded by Michelle Hall

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Members Attending: Karen Day, Kate Dean, Candi Fowler, Tom Bregani, Brenda Gollihue

Excused: David and Kristine Hall

7:00 pm Karen called the meeting to order.

Accept or Amend Previous Meeting Minutes

Candi motioned to accept previous meeting minutes. Seconded by Kate. Motion passed, all were in favor.

The GCC discussed their findings at the parking lot next to the Blacksmith shop while they were planting earlier this month. They had reached out to the Selectboard via a letter regarding a hazard that was found there. Since then, more hazards have been discovered. Tom and Karen will draft another letter with more information for the Selectboard. After completing the letter and discussing any research we may do, Karen will attend a Selectboard meeting to discuss it with them. Anyone on the Commission is welcome to join her. Candi, Brenda and Karen will also do some research on buried tanks with DES and Safe Harbors, specifically the Petroleum Reimbursement Fund. Tom will reach out to Ray Cilley to see what actions he took on his adjacent property with the clean-up he did.

Old Business

1. Ongoing Pollinator Garden Project – the GCC has \$1000 left to pay on the contract with Moosewood. This money will come out of the Conservation Fund but needs to be used for a community project. Karen asked if Kate and Candi would take leadership of this project as they have the most knowledge with plants and planting. This task would include coming to meetings, discussions, scheduling work days and coordinating items such as loam and mulch. Kate declined saying she was "committed out." Candi said that she has a lot on her plate but will give it a try. Tom will install a Pollinator Pathways sign at the recently planted garden along the town parking lot.

The hose is in place and functional at the Blacksmith Shop. Karen volunteered to water the plants on Wednesdays and Candi on Saturdays in July, should watering be needed.

The GCC discussed planting Black-eyed Susans or Bee Balm along the front of the Fire Dept. They will also need soil for this project and planting date is TBD.

The GCC went on to discuss what other towns and schools do with planting pollinator gardens and went over the possibility of purchasing plants and having residents join a fun day of planting at Oak Park next Spring.

Current Business

2. Report on the Moose Program by Rich Masters

There were 22 attendees at the program which was very good and fun. Rich is willing to come back in the future for another program. There was no remuneration requested but the GCC would like to find a way to say thank you. Brenda will reach out to the new restaurant in town to see if they might be willing to donate a gift certificate for Rich.

3. Next Programs and dates – David

- a. August 17th – Solar Energy with South Pack Solar – David will also create an article for the August/September Spirit
- b. October 19th – Bobcats
- c. April 20th - Butterflies

4. Building our contact list – Mailchimp, Constant Contact – Brenda will look into both options.

5. Advertising for our programs

The GCC discussed the October edition of The Spirit including small articles from each member regarding different hiking trails in town. They will send to Brenda for her to turn into one article.

They also talked about a 'Did you Know' box in The Spirit. They can talk about the Bird app and Knight Hawks for the August/September issue.

Trails Map: This project will stay on the agenda until we have time to start it.

Future Project – Beginning a Trails Map

- Identifying trails on a map
- Possible software needed
- GPS mapping
- Graphic Design

8: 30pm Candi motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Brenda. All were in favor, motion passed. The next meeting of the GCC will be Wednesday July 26, 2023 at 7pm, upstairs at the town hall.