

Greenfield Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2023

Recorded by Michelle Hall

Members Attending: Karen Day, Kate Dean, David Hall, Kristine Hall, Tom Bregani, Brenda Gollihue
Excused Members: Candi Fowler

7:00 pm Karen called the meeting to order.

Accept or Amend Previous Meeting Minutes

These will be discussed at the next meeting of the GCC.

Current Business:

1. Hazards at the Blacksmith parking lot and Fire Dept. lot
 - Letter for Selectboard – The GCC approved the draft letter. Karen will send to the Selectboard.
2. Latest programs:
 - August 17th – Solar Power: There were 23 attendees and it was very interactive.
 - Sign-up Genius help or hinder? David was informed that it wasn't working well by attendees. The GCC agreed to not advertise the need for *at least 10 attendees* because people get the idea that the program might be canceled and going forward to use tiny URL to shorten the link for Sign-up Genius. David's contact number will still be there to sign up for those that do not have the internet or have trouble using it. Brenda will continue to make the flyers for programs.
3. Next Article for The Spirit
 - Hikes – deadline September 1st for the Oct/Nov issue: Brenda has received 2 articles so far but will need the remainder next week. The GCC discussed additional hiking trails.
 - Article for the Dec/Jan issue – ideas? Things to do outside in the winter, proper disposal of Christmas trees, snow shoeing, owls.
4. Our contact list – Mailchimp? Mailchimp now costs \$13 a month: You can only send to 500 emails at no cost with only one user. Brenda recommends sharing the user name and password with another member of the GCC. Karen will load the list.
5. Forestry Committee: Tom and Brenda would like to be our representatives. David motioned to accept their offer. Seconded by Kate. Motion passed, all were in favor. Karen will contact Aaron for them to be appointed.
6. Letter of support for the Friends of the Meeting House grant application: Karen wrote a letter and Candi and Kate gave her their suggestions. She will incorporate those and send the letter to the Friends.
7. Change of ConCom email address. It is now ConCom@greenfield-nh.gov but waiting for confirmation from IT.
8. The Rivers Committee and Harris Center– Karen will look into signing up to be the Contoocook North Branch Rivers Local Advisory Committee (CNBRLAC) representative from our town. Tom motioned to send \$100 to the CNBRLAC. Seconded by David. Tom motioned to also send \$100 to the Harris Center for Conservation Education. Seconded by Brenda. Motions passed, all were in favor. Karen will contact Catherine Shaw to get those checks sent out.

9. Budget – The GCC is still within budget. Karen will ask Steve if the GCC can prepay for plants now that will arrive in the spring. There was a discussion about purchasing loam for the Fire Department planting for the spring. All were in favor of buying another 10 pollinator signs now. Karen will order them. The GCC discussed the idea of purchasing and releasing butterflies next year, more research is needed.

8: 25 pm David motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Kate. All were in favor, motion passed. The next meeting of the GCC will be September 27th, 7pm upstairs at the town hall.