

Greenfield Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Michelle Hall

June 26, 2019

Attendees: Roger Lessard, Kate Dean, Karen Day, Stephanie Kokal

Absent Members: Carol Irvin, Candi Fowler

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by chairperson Roger Lessard.

Accept or Amend Previous Meeting Minutes:

Karen motioned to accept minutes as they are. Seconded by Kate Dean. 4-0-0.

NRI Review Status- Karen:

Karen is continuing to work on this.

Newly Discovered Town-Held Easement:

Roger explained that it has been discovered that there is a conservation easement on a privately owned lot R9- 32-2 which was given to the town and accepted by the select board in 2004. Somehow, this escaped the attention of the GCC. This situation was brought to light by an abutter who would like to purchase the property; log off 2-3 acres and sell the wood for profit. That is expressly forbidden by the easement. There is some confusion as to whether the conservation easement applies to the entire property or just part of it. The easement language does not mention any apportionment. Karen recommended that Roger appear before the select board to make it aware of this matter.

Select Board Town Departmental Huddle July 25:

Roger advised the GCC of the Select Board town departmental meeting with all boards and committee heads which is scheduled for July 25th at 6:00 pm.

Perennial Calendar, Refine September Offering:

Stephanie explained her findings and that she was able to confirm with Ray Cilley about the GCC using his caldron at an event to take place at the Cilley Family Forest. The GCC discussed possibly doing a river float followed by a family picnic the afternoon of September 21st, after Candi Fowler's Butterfly Program at the library.

Programs- Partnering with SML on Ben Kilham Bear Program:

Roger reported that we are all set up for the bear program on September 26th at 7 pm. The GCC is paying for the program and the library is paying for the mileage for the program.

Pollinator Project Meadow Park update- Kate:

Kate suggested that the GCC use compost, but they would need a lot. She went on to explain that the field should be raked and then the compost spread. The GCC discussed having the Greenfield DPW help with picking up a truck load of compost from Ideal Compost which is selling compost at \$50 per cubic

yard. Karen will get in touch with Rick, from Greenfield DPW, and ask him to attend the next regular meeting of the GCC.

Well Water Testing Update- Roger:

Roger reported that we are still on track for the water testing. August 8th will be the evening program and August 11th will be the sample collection.

Plastics Reduction Project- Roger:

Roger discussed something he had recently found on a chip bag. He read 'This bag is recyclable through TerraCycle'. When he looked into this, he found this was a way to recycle items which are not usually recycled such as chip bags, cereal bags, toothpaste tubes, caps, etc. Roger suggested that it might be a good idea for something like this to happen in town, maybe have a collection box at Harvester Market, the library, and/or the Recycling Center. When a minimum of 2lbs of like material is collected, it is placed in shipping boxes provided by TerraCycle, and shipped free of charge to a designated facility where it eventually ends up being melted and transformed into stuff like park benches. Local groups can earn between one and two cents per item collected. TerraCycle has been around for about 18 years. It was recommended to inform the public of this. Karen suggested that we look for ways to reduce our consumption of single-use plastic and educate the public, perhaps in The Greenfield Spirit.

Other Business:

Motion to adjourn by Roger at 8:30 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Greenfield Conservation Commission will be held on July 24, 2019 at 7:30 pm.