

Greenfield Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Michelle Hall

July 24, 2019

Attendees: Roger Lessard, Candi Fowler, Stephanie Kokal, Kate Dean

Absent Members: Karen Day, Carol Irvin

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm by chairperson Roger Lessard.

Accept or Amend Previous Meeting Minutes:

The minutes were agreed by consensus.

Newly Discovered Town-Held Easement:

Roger discussed that he has not heard anything back from the person who was interested in purchasing Lot R9 32-2 and there does not appear to be any signs of incursion or cutting. The GCC discussed all town-held easements.

Well Water Testing Update:

The well water testing notice was sent out this past Monday. The logistics of the night are as follows: set up for 7 pm, set up chairs, it will be a presentation taking place in the Wensberg Room at the library (the program will be one event and the collection will be another) The collection will take place at the meetinghouse between 1-3 pm and no later on August 11. There should be two people working the collection.

Discussion with Rick McQuade about preparing Meadow Park for seeding:

Kate explained what the GCC is doing with the current field and what they would be asking of the town Buildings & Grounds Dept. The GCC and Rick discussed the use of the 'drop spreader' on the MT as well as the use of composting mulch as opposed to compost and loam. Rick explained that they will not be able to put anything too heavy, such as the big dump trucks, on the land due to the infrastructure below. Rick stated that he would talk with Jeremy Gagnon to find out where he gets composting mulch. The GCC agreed to cancel the proposed river float event originally planned for Sept. 14, and replace it with a work day on that date, beginning at 9 am. There is someone in town who has a small tractor who may be willing to help out with the effort. Kate discussed the seeds she would need and will contact the seed companies for what we may need.

Single-Use Plastics Reduction:

Roger discussed the Terracycle Program. He described a couple of programs which are offered. One program is sponsored by Colgate where any brand of toothpaste tubes, caps, cartons, toothbrushes, floss containers and their packaging get recycled. This program only requires two pounds to ship and they pay the postage. The money ends up going to a designated non-profit group. Another program is offered by Gillette, which recycles disposable razors, blade cartridges, and packaging. They require a minimum of fifteen pounds, postage paid, with rewards of \$1 per pound. The collection bins will need to be somewhere out of the elements and the money would go to the GCC. Roger will talk to the Harvester

Market about putting a collection bin there. The GCC also discussed maybe rewarding businesses which do not offer plastic bags, straws, or styrofoam take-out boxes. The CNBRLAC is considering a decal program which would inform customers that a business is river/ocean-friendly. Another idea is to create a card to leave at restaurants, asking the management to switch to recyclable paper straws. The GCC discussed putting a small 'Did you know' piece in the Greenfield Spirit.

8:42 pm Roger adjourned the meeting. The next regular business meeting of the GCC will be on August 28th at 7:30 pm.