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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING (unapproved draft)  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Sue Wilson at 5:15 p.m. at the Public Safety Building (PSB) conference room. Attendance: Monica Hill, Matt Paggi, Carissa Stein, Sue Wilson, with Charlie Hancock joining the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Absent: Joan Hildreth, Misty McCartney, Visitor(s): None

- Additions/Deletions to Agenda – Welcome to Matt Paggi as new Montgomery Conservation Commission (MCC) member.
- Minutes from October 3, 2018 and November 7, 2018 – Could not be approved due to lack of a quorum from each meeting. Therefore, review of both the October and November minutes was tabled until the next meeting on April 3, 2019.
- Treasurer's Report/Fundraising/Expenses Update: Sue reported that, as of 3/6/19, the MCC fund balance is \$10,743.44. Charlie made a motion, seconded by Monica, to approve the report. Passed unanimously.
  
- Planned and Proposed Events/Fundraisers:
  
- **Planned MCC events:**
  - **Charlie Nardozi – Monday 3/18/19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Grange** – Carissa has been in touch with Charlie N. and he plans to do a power point presentation. Jeannie Bartlett from the Franklin County Conservation District will be in attendance, too, to discuss services offered.
  - **Tree Sale (which helps to fund Franklin County VACD [Vermont Association of Conservation Districts])** – Occurring, with pickup in Montgomery available May 4<sup>th</sup>.
  
- **Proposed MCC Events**
  - **Presentation about Coyotes** – At the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, Joan had mentioned the idea of contacting a speaker from the Northeast Wildlife Trackers fall conference about doing a presentation on coyotes in Montgomery. All members in attendance voted to have Joan contact the speaker to obtain information on her availability and the cost.
  - **VINS presentation** – All members in attendance voted unanimously to have Sue contact Sandy Alexander at the Montgomery Elementary School (MES) about having VINS come to the MES in May or June. The possibility of having a second VINS presentation at the MES in the fall was also discussed.

- **Kurt Valenta of EXORDIUM** – The idea of two presentations by Kurt was discussed. All members in attendance voted unanimously to have Sue contact Kurt re: the following ideas:
  - **Bobcat & Canada Lynx** Proposed for Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The cost would be \$155.00 plus mileage from Enosburgh.
  - **The Forest Duff** This would be held outdoors on either a Saturday or a Sunday, possibly at the Town Forest on West Hill sometime in June.

OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATION -

- Town Forest Signage – The members present voted unanimously to have signs made for directions to the Town Forest. One would be placed at the bottom of West Hill and another at the entrance to the Town Forest. Sue will contact Dan Malloy regarding making the signs and invite him to attend the MCC’s April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Charlie has a prototype sign which Dan could look at. If Dan is not available for this project, it is possible that Robert Gendron could be contacted.
- “Land and Legacy” – Charlie has invited Mary Sisock from UVM Extension to attend the April 3<sup>rd</sup> MCC meeting to discuss this topic.
- Membership Letters - The MCC authorized Sue to order envelopes and membership cards for the annual membership mailing. Charlie will write the letter, and the mailing will take place in June.
- Bequest from the Estate of Carol McGregor to the MCC – Charlie presented a letter regarding this bequest. More information will soon follow. There was discussion about various ideas such as the following: naming the Town Forest on West Hill in Carol’s honor, a memorial in her name at the Village Green gardens, use of funds to leverage increased conservation dollars.
- MCC Chairperson – Charlie will be stepping down from this role as of the April meeting but plans to continue as an active member of the MCC.

Carissa made a motion, seconded by Matt, to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Passed unanimously.

(Please note: The above minutes were taken by Sue Wilson in [Secretary] Joan Hildreth’s absence from the 3/6/18 meeting, and then transcribed by Joan. Therefore, minutes taken by Sue Wilson were transcribed by, and respectfully submitted by, Joan Hildreth)