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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING (unapproved draft)
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Carissa Stein at 5:35 p.m. at the Public Safety Building (PSB) conference room. Attendance: Charlie Hancock, Joan Hildreth, Monica Hill, Matt Paggi, Carissa Stein, Sue Wilson. Absent: Misty McCartney Visitor(s): None

Additions/Deletions to Agenda – Sue added the MCC’s membership in Cold Hollow to Canada (CHC) and the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions (AVCC) Minutes from October 3, 2018, November 7, 2018, and April 3, 2019 – Charlie made a motion to approve the **Oct. 3rd** minutes, seconded by Monica. Charlie, Monica and Sue voted in favor. Matt, Joan and Carissa abstained due to not having been at the meeting. Motion passed. Charlie made a motion to approve the **Nov. 7th** minutes, seconded by Carissa. Charlie, Joan, Carissa and Sue voted in favor. Matt and Monica abstained due to not having been at the meeting. Motion passed. Sue made a motion to approve the **Apr. 3rd** minutes, seconded by Matt. Carissa, Sue, Monica, Matt and Joan voted in favor. Charlie abstained due to not having been at the meeting. Motion passed. Therefore, all three sets of minutes approved.

Treasurer’s Report - Sue reported current balance of \$8,719.99. Charlie made a motion, seconded by Monica, to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Passed unanimously – 6 votes.

Membership Letter Mailing – There was discussion re: timing and means of distribution. It was agreed that the letter, along with a survey, should go out around the end of May via the mailing list which has been used for the past several years. Other means of distribution, in an effort to reach additional interested people, were also discussed. These included providing a link re: the letter and survey on social media (the MCC’s Facebook [FB] page) and posting on the town’s website. Carissa has been working on the letter and Monica has been working on the survey. Finalization of both will occur just prior to the proposed mailing date in order to include the most current information on events, etc. Sue will have the documents printed and let others know when that is done. A date to get together to compile the mailing materials will then be set.

Membership in CHC and AVCC – Continued membership in both was discussed. Carissa made a motion, seconded by Monica, to approve \$50 membership to CHC. Passed with 5 votes. Charlie abstained due to his role with CHC. Carissa made a motion, seconded by Monica, to approve \$50 membership to AVCC. Passed unanimously - 6 votes. There was discussion about ways to learn more about AVCC and its focus and activities. It was noted that they do have a website: <http://vtconservation.com/>

Planned MCC events:

- **Kurt Valenta of EXORDIUM – “Bobcat and Lynx”- Wednesday, May 1st at 6:30 p.m. at the PSB.** (Occurring immediately following this meeting.)

- **VINS – Thursday, 5/2 “Raptor Encounter” at MES** - Program to start at 1:00 – Carissa and Sue plan to be there at 12:30. Joan might be there as well.
- **Green Up Day (GUD)– Saturday, May 4th** – The importance of a future discussion re: MCC’s role in GUDs was acknowledged. Misty has played a key role in GUD but was unable to attend this meeting. It was agreed by all present that the MCC is supportive of the event and wants to help promote it. Info has been posted on the MCC’s FB page. Charlie made a motion, seconded by Monica, to authorize Misty to spend up to \$50 on costs associated with GUD. Motion passed unanimously – 6 votes.
- **Tree Sale Pick Up – Saturday, May 4th, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the PSB.** – Carissa, Charlie and Matt developed a plan for coordinating pick up of trees from Highgate and transporting them to the PSB for pick up by pre-ordered purchasers. Joan will put the sandwich board out in front of PSB.
- **“The Real Eastern Coyote” with Chris Schadler – Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Grange – co-sponsored with RCC.** Total cost is \$422.36 (\$250 for Chris’ fee [includes mileage] and \$172.36 for her lodging.) Therefore, each CC will pay ½, equaling \$211.18 each. Joan will put out the sandwich board the week before and will also ask Liz about the Grange being cleaned prior to the event. Charlie will pick up projector. Joan will pick up the Grange key and check to pay the speaker. Sue will pick up refreshments. Those who can will arrive at 5:30 at the Grange to set up that evening.
- **“Reptile Rendezvous” with VINS – Thursday, 9/19 MES, 1:00 p.m.** There was initial discussion re: the idea of providing the survey about MCC events to parents following this event.

Proposed MCC Events:

- **Kurt Valenta of EXORDIUM – “The Forest Duff”** This is proposed as a two-part event – 1st part classroom, 2nd part to be held outdoors (perhaps at Town Forest). Further discussion tabled until June meeting.
- **Legacy Planning Event** – Charlie will touch base with Mary Sisock to discuss her thoughts re: this.

OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATION -

- McGregor Bequest – No new information. Sue raised the idea of having a nice bench placed in Carol’s memory at the green, and to perhaps partner with the Garden Club on this. All agreed that sounded great.
- Signs for Town Forest – Charlie met with Dan Malloy and he is interested. Charlie will follow up.
- Trail along the Trout River upgrade – Carissa plans to provide the information she had compiled following a walk last fall to do an initial assessment.
- MCC listserv This will be worked on. Further discussion at June meeting.
- MCC duties/procedures – It was agreed that each member of the MCC should list his/her duties to ensure that coverage could be provided if needed. Further discussion tabled until June meeting

- Coordination with Montgomery Library (e.g. a month with conservation themed reading?) This was tabled until the June meeting. (The time of the presentation immediately following the meeting was fast approaching.)

Sue made a motion, seconded by Charlie, to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Hildreth