

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY  
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING (unapproved draft)  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Charlie Hancock at 5:10 p.m. at the Public Safety Building (PSB) conference room. Attendance: Charlie Hancock, Joan Hildreth, Monica Hill, Misty McCartney, Matt Paggi, Sue Wilson. Absent: Carissa Stein. Visitor(s): None

Additions/Deletions to Agenda – Add - discussion of changing meeting time to 5:30 p.m. Minutes from May 1, 2019 – Sue made a motion to approve the May 1<sup>st</sup> minutes, seconded by Matt. Charlie, Joan, Monica, Matt and Sue voted in favor. Misty abstained due to not having been at that meeting. Motion passed; minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report – None. Tabled until July meeting.

Membership Letter Mailing – The first 2019 membership & survey mailing, totaling 453 recipients, went out on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The second set of envelopes was stuffed just prior to this meeting and is ready for mailing.

**Planned MCC events:**

- **Montgomery Day Camp outing – Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.** – Charlie will lead a nature walk in the woods with the campers and counselors at the Rec. Center. Other MCC members are welcome to join in.
- **“Reptile Rendezvous” with VINS – Thursday, 9/19 MES, 1:00 p.m.**

**Proposed MCC Events:**

- **Kurt Valenta of EXORDIUM – “The Forest Duff”** This is proposed as a two-part event – 1<sup>st</sup> part classroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> part to be held outdoors (perhaps at Montgomery Town Forest). Further discussion tabled until July meeting. Joan will check with Annette Goyne of the Richford Conservation Commission (RCC) to see if they would be interested in co-sponsoring.
- **Legacy Planning Event** – Charlie will follow up with Mary Sisock.
- **“Artifishal”** documentary film produced by Patagonia – MCC is considering showing the film in conjunction with a presentation/panel discussion re: local fisheries issues and how those tie into points raised by the film. Joan will obtain more info on previewing the film and the cost of showing it. It was agreed that mid-autumn might be a good time to have this event (if the MCC chooses to go forward with it.)

**Other local upcoming events - sponsored by RCC:**

- **Riverfest – Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> in Richford** – Joan will check with Annette at RCC to see if the MCC can help with promotion of this event. Everyone agreed that, re: future Riverfests, the MCC would like to offer support to RCC

in other ways as well (for example, the idea of having a booth there or otherwise providing assistance with the event).

- **Beekeeping presentation in August** – It was agreed that Joan would check with Annette at RCC re: their degree of interest in having the MCC be involved in this presentation in some way. (Helping to promote the event, co-sponsoring if there were an interest, etc.)

#### OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATION -

- McGregor Bequest – Charlie reported that the MCC should be receiving the bequest soon. Sue agreed to get several quotes for a granite bench for placement at the green in Carol's memory.
- Signs for Town Forest – Charlie will follow up with Dan Malloy.
- Thank you cards – There was discussion of ideas for the cards to be sent to those who donate to the MCC. Charlie agreed to work on a silhouette drawing for the cover, and everyone agreed on using an Aldo Leopold quote which Sue presented.
- Time of MCC meeting – There was discussion of changing the time of the monthly meeting from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. All agreed this made sense. Misty moved that the regular meeting time be changed to 5:30 p.m. Matt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Monthly MCC meeting will now be at 5:30 p.m., effective as of July 2019.
- Electronic Payment of Donations to MCC – All agreed that it would be helpful to have this option for people who wish to contribute to the MCC. Charlie agreed to talk to the Town Treasurer, Erin Kopacz about the feasibility of this.
- Coordination with Montgomery Library – Proposal re: the MCC & the library collaborating to promote conservation issues was discussed. Ideas raised were: a conservation month at the library (maybe August?); a conservation book section highlighted; a reading list re: conservation; a list of suggested books for acquisition by the library. Joan agreed to talk with Marlene Hambleton, Town Librarian re: this.
- Trail along the Trout River upgrade – Tabled until July meeting.
- MCC listserv Tabled until July meeting.
- MCC duties/procedures – Tabled until July meeting.
- Better Roads Program and identifying needs related to run-off from roads & water quality. Tabled until July meeting.

Joan made a motion, seconded by Matt, to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Hildreth