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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING (unapproved draft)
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Carissa Stein at 5:32 p.m. at the Public Safety Building (PSB) conference room. Attendance: Charlie Hancock, Joan Hildreth, Monica Hill, Parma Jewett, Misty McCartney, Matt Paggi, Carissa Stein, Sue Wilson. Absent: None. Visitor(s): None.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda – None

Minutes from August 7, 2019 – Sue made a motion to approve the August 7th minutes, seconded by Misty. Matt, Charlie and Parma abstained from voting because they were not at the August meeting. All others voted in favor. Motion passed; minutes approved.

Welcoming of Visitors – N/A – no visitors.

Treasurer's Report – Sue reported that the balance as of 8/31/19 was \$8,449.84. Of that, \$2,235.00 was membership dues. Misty made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Joan seconded the motion, motion passed.

Planned MCC Events:

- **“Reptile Rendezvous” with VINS – Thursday, 9/19, MES, 1:00 p.m.**
Carissa and Sue plan to be at the MES at 12:30 that day to help set up. Carissa will work on a flyer for the event. She is also compiling the Listserv, and Sandy Alexander (MES principal) will put info in the school's newsletter.
- **“The Forest Duff” with Kurt Valenta of EXORDIUM – Saturday, 10/5 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the PSB** – There will be a power point presentation and a walk in the woods. Charlie will work on the flyer. Sue has MCC's cups and napkins and will pick up beverages. Parma will make snacks. Carissa made a motion to reimburse Parma for the cost of the snacks, Matt seconded, all voted in favor, motion passed.

Proposed MCC Events/Projects:

- **Legacy Planning Event** – Charlie will follow-up on this.
- **Film Viewing with Panel Discussion** - Carissa had sent out links to everyone re: possible films: “Know Your Watermark” and another re: invasive species. Members discussed the idea of showing “Know Your Watermark”, followed by a panel discussion, and having this event occur in the spring of 2020. There will be further discussion/planning at the next meeting.
- **Library Coordination** - Misty will check with the Enosburg Library re: their Discovery backpacks. Kurt Valenta would also be a good resource. Matt agreed to compile a book list with everyone's input. Marlene Hambleton, Town Librarian is very receptive to working with the MCC. Ali Jackson remains interested in partnering with the MCC as well. Carissa will be in

contact with Sadie re: the list of children's books she had offered to compile. The MCC will need to come up with its plan for the Library Bulletin Board for April of 2020 to coordinate with Earth Day.

- **"Mum's the Word"** – Farmers' Market Fundraiser – Sue reported that Beaver Meadow would sell mums to the MCC for \$4.50 each, with free delivery to the Farmers' Market. The MCC could then sell them for \$7.00 each. All agreed to do this on September 14th. 50 plants will be ordered by Sue. Carissa and Monica will oversee the sales at the market. Joan will have the sandwich board ready for placement at the market that day.
- **2021 MCC Calendar** – The idea of a photo contest, with winning photos being used for a calendar was discussed. All agreed this is a great idea. Parma agreed to coordinate the project. Details to be discussed at future meeting.

Promote:

- **Wild and Scenic River Clean-Up – Saturday, 9/7/19, 11:00 a.m. at the Grange** – Misty reviewed the details of the event. Joan has posted information on the MCC's Facebook page as well as a reminder there, and she will do a Front Porch Forum post about the event.
- **Cold Hollow to Canada (CHC) Annual Gathering – Thursday, 10/17/19, 6-9 p.m. at the Grange** – Reminder about the event. Joan has shared information about this on the MCC's Facebook page.

Other Business/Discussion:

- **Returned Surveys** – Carissa compiled an Excel spreadsheet re: the results. 20 surveys have been returned thus far. In summary, Carissa reported that feedback was mostly positive. Interest was expressed in more information about invasives and having more children's programs. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.
- **Signs for Town Forest** – Not made yet. Charlie reported that hopefully they will be done by the end of autumn.
- **Update on Improvement of Trail Along the Trout River** – Monica has been working on tasks related to this. She has been in contact with the Wild & Scenic Committee as well as VAST representatives, and reported that there is support of the idea and an interest in working with the MCC on this.
- **Electronic Payment for Donations to MCC** – Charlie has been in contact with Town Treasurer, Erin Kopacz and electronic payments can be made. Details re: the process still need clarification.
- **Streambank Stability Project** – Carissa reported that this will be revisited. There is nothing new to report in terms of the proposed workshop as of this meeting.

Misty made a motion, seconded by Monica, to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Hildreth