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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING (unapproved draft)  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building (PSB) conference room. In attendance: Charlie Hancock, Joan Hildreth, Todd Lantery, Misty McCartney, Sue Wilson Absent: None. Visitor(s): None

- Additions/Deletions to Agenda – Change date of last minutes to 12/7/16. Additional proposed events & other business (included below).
- Minutes from December 7, 2016 (last meeting before winter recess) reviewed. Sue made a motion to approve the December minutes as written, Misty seconded, the motion passed. December minutes approved.
- Treasurer's Report/Fundraising Update: Sue reported that balance as of 12/31/16 was \$6,219.23. We have received \$175.00 in membership YTD in 2017 from 4 people. Therefore, balance in account is \$6,394.23. Only expenses thus far in 2017: \$75.00 for upcoming 4/22 event.
- Planned Events (sponsored, co-sponsored, other)/Fundraisers:
  - o "The Messenger" movie. Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the Montgomery Grange, 7:00 p.m. MCC will co-sponsor this with Richford Conservation Commission. Total cost of \$150 will be split 50/50 with RCC. Sue made a motion for MCC to pay \$75, Misty seconded, the motion passed. RCC has been asked to bill us for our \$75 share. We will meet Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> to set up the Grange for the event. Everyone will bring treats on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - o Green-Up Day Saturday, May 6, 2017 There was discussion re: event. Joan made a motion for MCC to be involved and for Misty to be our coordinator for the event. Sue seconded, the motion passed. Misty will ask that info be put in school newsletter. Joan will post on MCC FB page.
  - o Spring Bird Walk with Bridget Butler – Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 7:30 a.m. (meeting at Pratt Hall) Co-sponsored with RCC
  - o Riverfest & NFCT Paddle/Pedal Race – Davis Park, Richford Saturday, June 24, 2017 Organized by RCC/NFCT
  - o Flood Fest, Saturday, July 15, 2017 commemorating 20 years since big flood in Montgomery. MCC will have some kind of presence TBD (possibly a table with info and/or involvement in tree planting)

Proposed/Events:

- **Bats Presentation with Lindsey Wight (and Alyssa Bennett from VT Fish & Wildlife available via Skype) sometime in the spring of 2017 at the Montgomery Elementary School (MES).** Details TBD.  
Coordinating with RCC. They plan to do a similar presentation at the school in Richford. If not possible to have at the school(s), maybe do this at the summer camp. Joan will follow up with Annette at RCC.
  - **Riparian Buffer Planting with MRBA, Rec. Board** This would involve tree planting for a 35' buffer on town property after soil testing to determine appropriate tree varieties. Misty moved that MCC support this proposal, Todd seconded, the motion passed. There was discussion that we could provide a letter of support if needed as well as help organize tree planting. Perhaps the planting could be done as part of the 7/15 event.
- OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATION –
- Water Quality Monitoring – Trout River – River Walk Park – This remains tabled for now. (See 11/2/16 minutes for more details.)
  - Municipal Planning Grant for Natural Resource Inventory: We can re-apply next year.
  - River Corridor Workshop Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 5-8:30 in Enosburg. Open to all interested. Charlie will present at the end of the event re: what we've been doing in Montgomery re: issues covered at the workshop. Joan will post info on Montgomery FPF and Montgomery FB page.
  - Vermont Climate Change March – Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> in Montpelier. Misty made a motion that the MCC support the march by inviting members of the community to participate and providing information about it on the MCC FB page. Todd seconded the motion and it passed. Misty will contact the march to offer our support. Joan will put the info on Montgomery FPF and MCC FB page.
  - Pollinator Garden Grants – Misty brought up info re: this and will forward relevant links to the Community Gardens (Parma J.) and school garden group (Wendy H.) for their info.
  - Membership Letters – Charlie agreed to draft a letter, and we can prepare it for mailing (stuffing/addressing envelopes) at the next meeting on 5/3.

Motion made by Sue to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 p.m. Charlie seconded, and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Hildreth