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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING (unapproved draft)
WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. at the Public Safety Building (PSB) conference room. (Meeting scheduled ½ hour later than usual due to presentation being held immediately following.) Attendance: Charlie Hancock, Joan Hildreth, Monica Hill, Misty McCartney, Sue Wilson. Absent: Todd Lantery, Carissa Stein Visitor(s): None

Additions/Deletions to Agenda – None.

- Minutes from June 6, 2018 reviewed. Sue made a motion to approve the June minutes as written, Misty seconded, the motion passed. June minutes approved.
- Treasurer's Report/Fundraising Update: The latest balance in the account as of 7/11/18 is: \$9,429.68. (This includes \$1,475.00 from memberships, which have continued to come in.) Also, it is not yet known how much was raised from the fundraising dinner held at the Black Lantern Inn on 7/8/18.
- Planned Events/Fundraisers:
 - o **Pollinator Gardens with Charlie Nardozi – July 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the PSB.** (Event being held immediately after this meeting.)
 - o **Wildflower Packets Fundraiser – Summer 2018** – Continuing and going well.
 - o **River Clean-Up – Saturday, Sept. 8th** – Misty and Lindsey Wight of Wild and Scenic have been working on this, and Misty shared the details re: the event. It will be held from noon to 3:00 p.m. that day.
 - o **Town Forest Walk – Saturday, Sept. 29th – from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** This will be an opportunity for members of the community to learn more about and enjoy the town forest during foliage season.

Proposed Events:

- o **Private Land Management Workshop (including info re: pollinators) – outdoors, in the field.** Carissa and Charlie have been working on the plans for this. Tentative date is Sunday, September 9th at 10 a.m. It is expected that the final plans will be confirmed with Emily May of Xerces and the landowner very soon. Charlie plans to contact both of them and will also check re: the possibility of additional presenter(s) – maybe Toby Alexander/Dave Adams.
- o **Water Quality Issues Presentation/Panel** – Misty spoke with a representative of Lake Champlain International (LCI) re: this idea. Based on what she was told about the status of current research related to the topic, it was agreed that waiting to have this event until next year would be more appropriate than having it sooner.

- **“Bugworks”** – It is possible that this is already scheduled to occur at the Montgomery Day Camp this summer. Misty will check. If not, this is a possibility for a future presentation – maybe in autumn.
 - **VINS – Owls - at the Montgomery Elementary School** – Charlie will check with the principal at the school re: interest in this for October or November. If there is interest, he will contact VINS re: availability.
- OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATION –
 - Town Forest – Misty will ask Dan Malloy about the possibility of having three signs made (one for the bottom of West Hill, one where there is a turnoff along the way to the forest, and one for the final turn to get to the forest). The idea of flagging some preliminary trails was brought up and will be discussed further at a future meeting. It was also agreed that there is a need to consider and clarify the various uses of the town forest (i.e., those which will be deemed appropriate and those which will not be allowed). This will require input from various stakeholders and further discussion at a future meeting.
 - MCC ListServ - Sue plans to provide Charlie with membership cards which have info to be added to the MCC ListServ.
 - Printer Ink – Sue did get the printer ink which was needed (as discussed at the last meeting).
 - Book – Monica shared re: a book which might be of interest to others: Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens, by Douglas Tallamy All agreed that it sounded very interesting and relevant, especially in light of Charlie Nardoizzi’s presentation and the MCC’s other related community education efforts.

Sue moved to adjourn, Monica seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Hildreth