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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING (unapproved draft)
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 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 – None
- Minutes from June 7, 2017 reviewed. Sue made a motion to approve the June minutes as written, Charlie seconded, the motion passed. June minutes approved. (Please note: The July meeting had been cancelled. Therefore, no minutes from July.)
- Treasurer's Report/Fundraising Update: Sue reported that balance as of 1/1/17 was \$6,299.73. We have received \$2,285.00 in membership in 2017 YTD from 46 people. We have received \$118.80 in fundraising. The above totals \$8,703.53. Expenses YTD are \$528.63. (supplies \$20.05, postage \$133.04, printing \$300.54, guests/speakers \$75.00) Therefore, balance in account as of this date is \$8,174.90 (\$8,703.53 minus \$528.63).
- Planned Events:
 - o No events currently confirmed.

Proposed Events/Fundraisers:

- o **Bats Presentation – proposed for the fall (October) of 2017.** Details TBD. Charlie will check with Scott Darling (of VT Fish & Wildlife) re: interest and availability on one of the following dates – Oct. 4th, 11th or 25th 6:30-8:30 p.m. RCC is interested in co-sponsoring. A bat box will be raffled off, and the winner will be announced at the presentation. In conjunction with this, we will explore installation of bat boxes at the school and at the rec. center. Still considering idea of selling bat boxes as a fundraiser in the future. Raffle tickets can be sold at Farmers' Market.
- o **Bees Presentation – proposed for September.** Joan reported no response from Mike Willard yet. Charlie will ask John Little about doing a presentation – proposed dates of Sept. 6th or 27th.
- o **Mushroom Walk** – Elliot Cluba proposed a date of August 27th, but this doesn't work for the MCC. Joan will check with him about a date in the spring of 2018 instead.

- **Mushroom Growing** – Sue raised the idea of a presentation by Sam Dillner/UVM re: a local mushroom project which is underway. She will check into this re: feasibility/timing.

- OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATION –

- Water Quality Monitoring – Trout River – River Walk Park – Has been occurring and continues.
- Municipal Planning Grant for Natural Resource Inventory – Charlie reported that another round of grants will be coming up soon. We would need to use some of our available account balance as a match if we were awarded a grant.
- AVCC Membership – Charlie plans to clarify when this is due.
- Cold Hollow to Canada (CHC) – Sue made a motion to send CHC \$100.00 for membership. Misty seconded. After discussion, the motion passed. Both Charlie Hancock and Joan Hildreth abstained from the vote because they both serve on the Board of CHC.
- River Clean-Up Month is September – Misty brought this up and suggested that it is probably too late to do anything this year, but next year maybe we could sponsor a clean-up effort, perhaps coordinating with other local organizations. Everyone thought this was a great idea.
- Wild and Scenic Gathering at Big Falls – August 20th. Misty shared re: this upcoming event.
- MCC Meeting Schedule – Sue made a motion that the MCC's last meeting for the year be on Nov. 1st, with no meetings again until April 4th, 2018. After discussion about the need for a meeting in March to plan for spring events, the motion was amended, proposing that meetings resume March 7th, 2018. Joan seconded the amended motion, the motion passed.

Motion made by Todd to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m. Misty seconded, and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Hildreth