

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY  
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING (unapproved draft)  
Wednesday, September 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Sue Wilson at 5:05 p.m. at the Public Safety Building (PSB) conference room. Attendance: Joan Hildreth, Monica Hill, Todd Lantery, Misty McCartney, Carissa Stein, Sue Wilson. Absent: Charlie Hancock. Visitor(s): None

- Additions/Deletions to Agenda – None
- Minutes from July 11, 2018 - There was not a quorum present to approve the July minutes at the 8/1 meeting. Therefore, review was carried over to 9/5 meeting. Misty made a motion to approve the July minutes, Sue seconded, the motion passed. July minutes approved.
- Minutes from August 1, 2018 – reviewed. Todd made a motion to approve the August minutes, Carissa seconded, the motion passed. August minutes approved.
- Treasurer's Report/Fundraising Update: Balance in account same as indicated in August minutes: \$10,635.80. This includes \$1,480.00 from memberships. It was noted that Charlie did have a check made payable to Cold Hollow to Canada (CHC) cut for ½ of the proceeds from the Black Lantern fundraiser held on 7/8/18. Joan made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Todd. Motion passed.
- Planned Events/Fundraisers:
  - **River Clean-Up – Saturday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> - noon to 3:00 p.m.** – Misty reviewed the details. Plans are all set. Participants are to meet at the Grange at noon. Sign up in advance at Jolley, Sylvester's or on the Wild and Scenic website.
  - **"Bugworks" with Kurt Valenta – Friday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at the Montgomery Elementary School** – There will be a meeting on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> to finalize details of time, etc., and Misty will update the MCC after that meeting. Wild and Scenic and MRBA are providing the funds for this event. No funds needed from MCC.
  - **"From Field to Forest" - private land management workshop – Sunday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Montgomery – participants meeting by the Montgomery Village Post Office to carpool to the site.** Plans are all set, but need to check with Charlie to see if the \$50.00 donation to Xerces has been made. Joan will post another reminder on the MCC Facebook page and will check with the school about sending them info about this event for inclusion in their end of the week newsletter (which will go out on 9/7).
  - **Town Forest Walk – Saturday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> – from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Need to check with Charlie re: the poster for this event.

- **Cold Hollow to Canada (CHC) Annual Gathering – Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the Grange in Montgomery**

Proposed Events:

- **Fisheries Program** – Todd is continuing to work on this event. The proposal is for it to be held at the PSB, with Ben Maddox, Bernie Pientke, and Rich Langdon as presenters. Proposed dates are: 10/3, 11/7, or next spring. Todd will keep the MCC posted on plans.

OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATION –

Joan brought up the idea of improvement of the trail along the Trout River/Wade Brook from Rt. 58 (starting at the field across from Reagan Road) to Amidon Road (and possibly continuing on to connect from there to the Catamount Trail). It is already a VAST trail. It would, of course, be very important to identify land owners and to obtain their input/permission re: any ideas/plans. Misty indicated that funding through Wild and Scenic might be available - for erosion control/trail improvement, etc. It was agreed to further discuss this idea at the October meeting.

Misty made a motion, seconded by Todd, to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Hildreth

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