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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING (unapproved draft)
WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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, Carissa Stein, Sue Wilson. Absent: Todd Lantery Visitor(s): None

Additions/Deletions to Agenda – Additions: Town Forest signage, possibility of letter of support for Montgomery Center for the Arts grant application, shared calendar (with other local conservation groups). No deletions.

- Minutes from April 4, 2018 reviewed. Sue made a motion to approve the April minutes as written, Carissa seconded, the motion passed. April minutes approved.
- Treasurer's Report/Fundraising Update: The latest balance in the account as of 5/2/18 was the same as last month: \$8,923.00.
- Planned Events:
 - **Beekeeping Presentation by James Lariviere of Northern Border Apiaries- 5/2/18 6:30 p.m. at PSB** (immediately after this MCC meeting)
 - **Green-Up Day – May 5th** – Misty and Deanna are coordinating this and are all set. The table will be in front of the grange hall from 10 to 4. Bags will be provided. Posters are up and info shared on the MCC Facebook page. Many volunteers have already signed up for roads.
 - **Tree Sale Pick-Up – May 5th** Carissa will bring trees to Montgomery Friday p.m. (5/4). Depending on the number of trees, Charlie might end up delivering them to recipients. Carissa and Charlie will figure that out (delivery or having them at PSB for pickup from 12 - 2).
 - **Emerald Ash Borer & Tent Caterpillar presentation by Dan Dillner – 5/23/18 6:30 p.m. at PSB.** All set. Charlie put together the poster. Info re: event being shared.
 - **Bird Walk with Bridget Butler co-sponsored with RCC at Goynes' property in Richford 5/26.** Joan will check with Annette re: a flyer for this event. Info being shared.
 - **Mushroom Cultivation with Mike Walker of Philo Woodland Farm (which is in Charlotte, VT) – June 6th at 6:30 at the PSB.** All set. Charlie made the poster. Info re: event being shared.

Proposed Events/Fundraisers:

- **Pollinator Plants/Gardening Presentation** maybe in July or August. Sue has been in contact with Charlie Nardozzi and is waiting for his response.

- **Private Land Management Workshop (including info re: pollinators) – outdoors, in the field.** Maybe end of August. Carissa has sent a proposal to Xerces re: a presentation by them at this. Possible site for the presentation and potential date(s) discussed and will be pursued.
 - **River Clean-Up Sept 8th** - Idea of coordinating with Wild and Scenic. Misty is working on this with them (Lindsey Wight).
 - **Water Quality Issues Presentation/Panel** – maybe September. “Lake Effect” film (which is proposed to be a part of this) was shown at the State House on April 12th. Misty has info re: that event which could help us with planning. Todd could not be at meeting tonight, but he might also have suggestions for presenters as a result of having done project on cyanobacteria. Further discussion tabled until next meeting.
 - **Fund Raising Dinner at the Black Lantern Inn** – Sue is working on this with staff from the Inn. Considering a Sunday evening later in the summer – August (?) Possible joint event with Cold Hollow to Canada.
- OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATION –
 - Membership Letter Mailing – Charlie wrote the letter and it has been finalized. Sue and Charlie are working on getting the materials all set. Targeting the mailing for late May or June of 2018.
 - Tiny Grants – AVCC - No grant application done for this year, but AVCC membership is now up to date.
 - Northeast Wildflowers – NEK blend flower seed packets – Monica has gathered info about the cost/other details of this and will send it out to everyone soon. Discuss at next meeting.
 - Town Forest – An initial discussion about procuring signage (maybe asking Dan Malloy) led to recognition of the need for a broader discussion about the town forest. This was tabled for a future date.
 - MCC ListServ and Other Means of Sharing Info: It was agreed that it makes sense for MCC to have its own ListServ again. Charlie will create it from another list he has. In addition, all agreed that the MCC Facebook page, Front Porch Forum, and posters are helpful in spreading the word about events and other info. Use of Franklin County Conservation Groups shared calendar is helpful in event planning as well (to avoid scheduling events on the same dates as other organizations’ events.)
 - Montgomery Center for the Arts – They are applying for grant money in order to make the building handicapped accessible. All agreed that, if they would like, the MCC could provide letter of support indicating the value of this (i.e., that we would like to have events in the building if it were accessible to all).

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

Respectfully submitted by Joan Hildreth