

May 18, 2023

Attendees: Ron Stancliff, Dave Stevens, Kari Anderson, Jim Pease, Brent Teillon, Mariah Keagy

Members Absent: Dick Sargent, Kristin Connelly, Jess Zehngut

Meeting opened at Town Hall at 6:30

The April meeting minutes were approved.

Old Business

1. Community Value Mapping - Mariah reported that her partner was still working on the map data in GIS. We will then give the data to LCPC who will manage it. Jens Hilke will put a report and maps together from the data. There is more value in individual maps than a composite map showing all the categories. We need to get the data to Jens soon as he is about to wrap up the statewide project CVM effort.
2. Bryant Pond Rd parking lot - Brent said the site has been cleared and the stumps removed, the cut wood was reused, and a drainage ditch has been installed around the perimeter. The area is now drying out. The contractor has until September to finish the lot. A landowner on BM Road will take the excess clean fill. The gravel for the lot will come from a clean Wolcott pit. a driveway culvert will be supplied by the Town.
3. Village Tree Inventory - Jim has rescheduled the training session for Tuesday, June 20 at the Town Hall from 3:30-5:30 pm. Any interested parties need to download two free Apps on their mobile phone. Joanne Garton from the Department of Forest Parks and Recreation will teach the course. Please contact him if you are interested. The meeting is open to the public.
4. Green Up - Ron, Brent, Jess and Dave were at the Oxbow from 7am-3pm. There was a lot of activity but Brent reported it was not as busy as 2022 although the dumpster was full by the end of the weekend. A final report will be sent but in brief: 343 +/- volunteers, 600 bags collected, 89 tires turned in (\$445 to Town in fees), 81 tires collected, Morrisville Soccer recycled returnables from trash collected.
5. Pollinator Gardens - Brent got some prices for planting Area #7 in the Town Forest. The estimate for rottotilling the area from the community gardens person was \$100. Brent will do some more research on seeds, plants and native pollinator species for the next meeting. Kari and Brent may go to the site; Kari suggested installing a bat house. Mariah raised questions about planting non-native pollinator plants in Area #7.

New Business/Member Reports

1. Town Forest summer schedule - Two more bridges need to be finished in the Town Forest and general trail maintenance is needed. The first work date is 5/27 9-12 pm. Tentative future dates are 6/24, 7/22, 8/12, 8/26, 9/16, and 10/14. A notice will be put in FPF.

2. Mariah due to her work schedule, feels that she needs to step down but is willing to do committee work such as CVM etc. It would be effective now but she can provide help for 3-4 months.

3. Ron also feels a need to retire after 2024 and we will need to find a coleader/leader for the Commission.

3. Members Reports - Micheal Reagan is still thinking about conserving 100 acres next to land owned by the New England Forest Foundation. We need to do a site visit to the site and view the Black Ash there as well.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm
Respectively submitted,
Jim Pease, Secretary