

PPNH Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2023

5:30 KCL

In attendance:

Margie Bean, Evy Nathan, Kathy Youzwak, Trish Murdoch

Excused absence:

Holly Ouellette

Welcome Aboard to Trish Murdoch of Barrington, a master gardener!

We are still in need of a secretary -

Minutes from 7/20/23 all in favor

Correspondence:

Marghi read her reply to Tracey McDonald's email of Barrington regarding resources.

Review of recent and ongoing events included:

Evy related the story of the Recreation Pollinator Garden, the donation of plants, the camp children helping and the work needed in the future, and why. Trish may be able to help with future plantings.

Discussion on needing a liaison between PPNH and the ConComs that we work with. There have been good connections between us but it needs to be better monitored.

Action Item: Kathy and Marghi will do an inventory of the brochures and handouts.

The Unitil Solar project will need low-growing wildflowers under the panels - discussion of what type of seed mix, Vermont Wildflower Company or Unitil's suggestion. Evy will forward their choice to all for comment

Evy presented Judith Saum's Worthy Flowers to Attract Imperiled Bumblebees list for approval as a new resource. All approved. Lupine will be removed from the list on our end, as it conflicts with the BMPs for Karner blue habitat by NHF&G.

Upcoming calendar:

*Newsletter needs to go out!

Sept. 9 th - Kingston Days- Marghi has a tent. We will need to take turns . Evy will probably need to cover the Conservation part of the display.

Sept. 10 th Paul Lacourse in Exeter is hosting a garden walk at his property in Exeter. He has a small modular home and an amazing pollinator garden. Evy has posted it on Nature Groupie and created an event on our FB page.

Sept. 13 th - Hampton Falls Library has asked for a pollinator presentation . Marghi & Evy will present a powerpoint and have a discussion period.

Oct 14 th SELT TRAILFEST @ Burley Farms - Epping -- Evy and Marghi will offer a table with pollinator information. There will be stone painting for the kids and perhaps an adult activity. We have a several good raffle items. If there are to be adult crafts it could be butterflies to paint. Kathy will research.

Evy asked for ideas for protective aprons for kids and Marghi suggested trash bag ponchos. Marghi will make some. This is a big event for SELT and should help with our visibility among Selties. Kathy is interested in helping at Trailfest

Nov. 4th Annual Seed Exchange

A seed packaging party will again be held at Nadine's home.

A Christmas gathering was suggested to be at Marghi and Bob's new home. Possible date of Dec. 17 th at 4:00

Other ideas:

Kathy may try to put together a seed collecting handout

Marghi feels we should offer workshops as we have done pre-Covid, and speakers would be needed. Specific subjects could include: Shrubs for pollinators, seed collection, phenology, keystone plants.

We need to contact landscapers with the idea of teaching them about the need for native plants and what pollinators need in general. Ideas.....handouts? letters ? Have a 'regular' program and invite landscapers as well as the community? Fall clean up is coming-- it could be a part of this idea?

Trish spoke of a friend who planted a large pollinator garden, and has used seed from our Stepping Stones project. It was good to know that word is getting out through seeds that we give out.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45

Next meeting is **Sept. 21**