

Minutes
Pollinator Pathways NH
Sub-Committee of the Kingston Conservation Commission

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

Online Zoom meeting called to order by Marghi Bean at 5:04pm.

Due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor of NH as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04 this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Present: Marghi Bean, Elizabeth Mello, Evy Nathan, Melanie Dostie

Secretary's Report

Minutes for March 3, 2021 – Approved – Evy made a motion to approve, Elizabeth seconds – all were in favor.

New Business

- What is the status of the KCC zoom account? Elizabeth said it is less expensive to get our own account for \$149.99 vs going through the town it would be \$15/mo. We could see if we could have a conservation commission license and share with them. Will be discussed at the next CC meeting.
- Dandelion contest – Come up in April/May – 2 winners from last year may be able to help. Elizabeth also said she could help. Native plants would be a better choice for the top 2 winners.

Action item – Marghi and Elizabeth will find us 2 donated plants for the winners – Maybe Newton Greenhouse.

- April 10th Milkweed seed event at Freshwater Farms, Atkinson
Suzi Newman Atkinson CC - We are backing her up with information on Host and Nectar Plants-
-the importance of native plants—and how gardeners can have biodiversity in their yards.
Marghi is still looking to have honey tasting at the event – She has several calls out to folks
including beekeeper Dorinda Priebe – waiting to hear back – Evy suggested Steve Sousa is a
beekeeper
Mel will help with set up at 10:15
Marghi will show up at noon
Elizabeth will come at 11am
Evy will be there all day
- April 17th –Kensington Grange 10 am— Sydnee Goddard, Kensington CC, is organizing a seed
swap, she will need help. She helped make our last seed swap a success.
- May 1st – 10am Walking with Ephemerals – Evy and Kevin Talbot
Kevin has agreed to help out with this event. Start at Valley Lane and maybe go to Farm Road
- May 8th – Bird Walk – KCC

- May 12th 5pm A ‘Learning About Invasives’ walk & workshop @ 3 Maples Farm - Marghi has invasives we can practice on.
- May 14th –Go Wild Kids programs at KPL: “What Birds Say” (Evy presenting), “Rocks Rock” at a later date (Evy presenting)
- May 15th - Kingston Library Plant Sale – From Carriage Towne News - Sat., May 15:
“Volunteers are needed to help with the annual Plant Sale on May 15. You can contribute by dividing plants from your own garden and donating them to the plant sale. You can also participate by helping customers on sale day. Plus - you may get first dibs on any of the plants! Let the Friends know you are interested by calling the library today! The phone number is 603-642-3521.”
 PPNH will have a table with info handouts and posters.
- May 17th 6pm – Brentwood Library PP Virtual Presentation
- May 19th –Go Wild: Beautiful Bugs @ Library – Marghi & Elizabeth
- Check Brentwood Library plant sale date – Melanie emailed library
- Pollinator Week is June 21-27 – Elizabeth will have grab & go projects for kids – Will work with Library to distribute, scavenger hunts – Send ideas to Elizabeth
 - Theme Rethinking gardens – incorporate pollinator friendly plants
- Evy suggests repeating popular library walk in summer for Monthly Pollinator Conversations
- June 22nd 6pm: Pollinators 101 – Vicki Brown – at the East Kingston Library
- June 30th: Brentwood wildflower walk: Evy and Marghi
- Kingston Wildflower walk: summer to early fall, Monthly Pollinator Conversations
- July 27th 2pm “Aligning Mosquito Control with Pollinator Protection” Monarch Conservation **webinar** zoom Monarch Conservation Webinar - Aligning Mosquito Control with Pollinator Protection To register click link below:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQH0I27zboIqncIcSJl4ds5OvKtcxXzhLEkEgy6naXd_NG6g/viewform
- August – PPNH presentation to New Hampton, CC - in person- ? Who wants to go and meet these people and have a day trip? We can do zoom if necessary – Still waiting to hear back.

Old Business

- Interactive Map – Robert Pruyne is ready to begin working on the map. We should have an interactive map online early this summer.

- Cost on badges – Marghi will email the cost
- News articles – CTN A nice announcement for Atkinson – An article Marghi put in is still in limbo. Evy will add some.
- Post “An Evening with Doug Tallamy” on PPNH-FB – Action item: Elizabeth will continue to post the talks. It’s free and we can just post it on our site.
- Patti Laughlin- Opening the Garden for Pollinators was pushed back. Doesn’t work now. Possible “Putting your Garden to Bed” talk later this year.
- North American butterfly association – too much work at this point.

Other:

- Create a list of frequently used apps for those who join our wildflower and PC walks

Meeting adjourned 6:03 pm – Evy made a motion to close meeting, everyone was in favor.

Next meeting: April 15th, 2021 – 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Dostie, Secretary