

Minutes

Pollinator Pathways NH

Sub-Committee of the Kingston Conservation Commission

Wednesday, April 15, 2021

Online Zoom meeting called to order by Evy Nathan at 5:10pm.

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: Elizabeth Mello, Evy Nathan, Leslie Randlett, Melanie Dostie, Jonathan Marr, Holly Ouellette, Marghi Bean (joined at end)

Jonathan Marr introduced himself – he is from Atkinson– met at Freshwater Farm event – has Bachelor's Degree in Communications – going back to UNH to take horticultural courses. May research the botany route. Wanted to see how he could be helpful to PP.

Secretary's Report

Minutes for March 31, 2021 – Approved – Elizabeth made a motion to approve, Leslie second – all were in favor.

New Business

- Catherine Greenleaf is a certified wildlife rehabilitator with 20 years of experience rescuing and rehabilitating injured wildlife. She has asked for an interview for her Podcast on a channel called Bird Hugger. In her last blog she interviewed the publicity mgr. of Monarch Watch. We haven't set a date yet.
- Cheryl Keim called Evy – resident of Hampstead – has property in Kingston – Amesbury Rotary club member – Water Conservation is the current topic of the rotary club – they received a grant and purchased 60 rain barrels – Cheryl will donate 6 rain barrels to PP – She is also an artist and will paint dandelions on the barrel that we give away. Will be great for other giveaways – maybe use one as raffle prize at Kingston Days and maybe give one to the library and the town hall.
- NH Audubon – Evy is wondering if we can partner with them to access each other's information and get our name out there to their contacts.
- Bakie Farm has been planting wildflower meadows
- Holly Ouellette would like to be a committee member – Evy made a motion to make Holly a member of the Pollinator Pathway. Marghi seconded the motion. All voting members were in favor.
- Marghi is friends with Matt McElroy at the Newton Greenhouse – she mentioned the dandelion contest – he was very encouraging – he said they can start flats of native seedlings. The Newton Greenhouse sells lots of native plants.
 - **Action item:** Marghi will ask Matt about ordering Butterfly weed.
- National Wildlife magazine – Marghi saw a great article – “When Pests Come to Shove” – she mentioned it in the upcoming newsletter.
- Elizabeth talked about a safe alternate way to get rid of mosquitos' vs spraying or bug zappers – product is called Mosquito Dunks. PP may post about the product a few times over the summer.

Events

APRIL

- April 17th –Kensington Grange (109 Amesbury Road – park at the Elementary School) 12pm-3pm— Sydnee Goddard, Kensington CC, is organizing a wildflower seed giveaway, she will need help.

MAY

- 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 12th - 5pm A ‘Learning About Invasives’ walk & workshop @ 3 Maples Farm - Marghi has invasives we can practice on.
- May 12th - 2-3pm –Go Wild Kids: “What Birds Say” at Kingston Library (Evy presenting), “Rocks Rock” at a later date (Evy presenting)
- May 15th - Kingston Library Plant Sale - PPNH will have a table with info handouts and posters.
 - **Action item:** Evy will look around for plants to go in the black swallow plant pot.
- May 17th - 6pm – Brentwood Library PP Virtual Presentation
- May 19th - Go Wild Kids: Beautiful Bugs @ Kingston Library – Marghi & Elizabeth – They are gathering materials for the workshop.
- May 20th – Core PP Meeting
- May 22nd – Magic of Gardening – Camp Kent – 10am-1pm – Amesbury

JUNE

- June 17th – Core PP Meeting
- June 21-27th – Pollinator Week – for kids, teens and adults – PP wants to educate all age groups. Elizabeth will have grab & go projects for kids – she will work with Library to distribute the projects. May include scavenger hunts – Any ideas? Send them to Elizabeth.
 - The Library will set up a Pollinator display for the week.
 - Theme Rethinking gardens – incorporate pollinator friendly plants
- June 22nd 6pm: Pollinators 101 – Vicki Brown – at the East Kingston Library
- June 30th: Brentwood wildflower walk: Evy and Marghi

JULY

- 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/1FAIpQLSeQH0I27zbolqncI CSJl4ds5OvKtcxXzhLEkEgy6naXd_NG6g/viewform

AUGUST

- August 6, 7 & 8th – Kingston Days – PP will have a table, raffle and sell native plants
- August – TBD - 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.

TBD

- TBD – Kingston library garden walk in summer for Monthly Pollinator Conversations
- TBD – Monthly Pollinator Conversations: Kingston Wildflower Walk - Kingston Fairgrounds - summer to early fall
- TBD - 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.

Old Business

- KCC Zoom account – up and running – Evy will manage the account.
- April 10th Milkweed seed event at Freshwater Farms, Atkinson
 - Jonathan thought the event went very well. It was very informative. He enjoyed the colorful poster boards. He has already planted the wildflower seeds he received at the event. He shared milkweed seeds with his neighbor.
 - Elizabeth said people saw her Facebook post and hurried over to the event – maybe next event we can post in real time to get more people out. Elizabeth will do it for the Kensington Seed giveaway.
- Cost on badges – Marghi will order them this week.

Other

- Interactive Map – Robert Pruyne is ready to begin working on the map. We should have an interactive map online early this summer.
- Create a list of frequently used apps for those who join our wildflower and PC walks

Meeting adjourned 6:25 pm.

Next meeting: May 20, 2021 – 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Dostie, Secretary