

Minutes

Pollinator Pathways NH

Sub-Committee of the Kingston Conservation Commission

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Online Zoom meeting called to order by Evy Nathan.

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: Evy Nathan, Marghi Bean, Leslie Randlett, Melanie Dostie, Holly Quellette

Elizabeth Mello is excused.

Secretary's Report

Minutes for April 15, 2021 – Approved – Evy made a motion to approve, Leslie second – all in favor.

New Business

- Catherine Greenleaf – She has a blog and wants an interview with PPNH – She is waiting for us to get back to her. **action item:** Marghi will contact her.
- Jonathan Marr - Marghi emailed him but she hasn't heard back.
- Elizabeth is going to create "grab and go" projects for kids and adults. Marghi asked the group to think of ideas and send them to Elizabeth, Marghi and Evy. Pollinator week starts on June 21st.
 - Evy suggests adding a seed bank for adults to pollinator week.
- Evy wants us to think about Moth Week - July 18-24 – Moth week
- Melissa Butler and Evy planted 3 seedlings at Valley Lane.
- Evy has a lot of seedlings in her yard if anyone needs some – she will add some to the rec garden – Marghi suggested putting some at Frye Forest. Evy suggested the Fairgrounds.
- Evy put a post on the Kingston, NH page about Mosquito squad – Mosquito spraying is becoming controversial.
- Side note about PPNH mission: We want to be helpful to surrounding towns but we do not want to become their gardeners.
- Possible Monarch Way station near the Brentwood complex.
- Rob connected Tory and Joanne from the Brentwood Gardner Club with Evy. They are interested in the work of PPNH.
- Wilhelmina Bradley is our contact at Swasey School. She would like Marghi and Evy to talk to the students.
- Rain barrels – rotary – Evy hasn't heard back from Cheryl Keim – dandelion contest almost over
- Holly and Elizabeth spread some wildflower seed at the fairgrounds
- Fremont Garden club – Received official Monarch Way Station designation for their garden behind the Library.
- **Action item:** Melanie – needs to send newsletter to town admin to be posted on the appropriate webpage – she also need to review the KCC website to see where items belong.

Events:

MAY

- May 25th - Vicki Brown - Audubon presentation – <https://www.nhaudubon.org/event/pollinators-101/>

JUNE

- June 1st - Audubon – “Native bees of New England” <https://www.nhaudubon.org/event/native-bees-of-new-england-their-diversity-and-natural-history/>
- June 8th – Audubon – “Native predatory wasps” <https://www.nhaudubon.org/event/native-predatory-wasps-their-role-as-pollinators-and-beneficial-insects/>
- June 15th – Audubon – “Becoming a MOTH-er” <https://www.nhaudubon.org/event/becoming-a-moth-er/>
- June 21-27th – Pollinator Week – for kids, teens and adults – PPNH wants to educate all age groups.
- June 22nd – Audubon – “Appreciating our Nocturnal Pollinators: Impacts of Land Use on Moth Species in the Northeastern U.S.” <https://www.nhaudubon.org/event/appreciating-our-nocturnal-pollinators-impacts-of-land-use-on-moth-species-in-the-northeastern-u-s/>
- June 22nd - Vicki Brown - East Kingston Library – Pollinator 101 at 6pm

JULY

- July 3rd - Wildflower walk in Brentwood
- July 18-24 – Moth week
- July 20th – Audubon – “Beecology: a Citizen Scientist Helping Pollinators” <https://www.nhaudubon.org/event/beecology-a-citizen-scientist-helping-pollinators/>
- July 23th – Evy and Marghi rescheduled wildflower and bird walk at Camp Kent, Amesbury
- 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/1FAIpQLSeQH0I27zbolqncIcSJl4ds5OvKtcxXzhLEkEgy6naXd_NG6g/viewform

AUGUST

- August 6, 7 & 8th – Kingston Days – PPNH will have an info table, raffle, crafts, and native plant sale
- August – date TBD would be the beginning of the month - PPNH presentation to New Hampton, CC - **action item:** Marghi will reach out to confirm the date.

TBD events:

- Library garden walk has not been scheduled yet
- Pollinator Conversations at Fairground – TBD

Report out on Past events:

- Dandelion Contest – May 2nd -16th - there were some entries, but not as many as we would like to see. A winner was chosen and Evy will reach out to them.

- Library Plant Sale, May 15th – Marghi and Evy spent the morning at the sale and met Wilhelmina Bradley from Swazey School. Mina would like to have a monarch way station there – she is donating all the plants she purchased to the school for the garden.
- Presentation to Brentwood Library, May 17th – Evy and Marghi – 5 people attended – Rob Wolfchuck, one of the participants, really enjoyed the presentation. He was on the Brentwood CC, and is now a board member at SELT. Rob is interested in connecting PPNH with SELT for future events. He thought the list of resources were very helpful.
- Beautiful Bugs presentation at the Kingston Library, May 19th – Marghi and Elizabeth ran event - good turn out – Kids enjoyed – Played “I spy” looking for insects with mini magnifying glasses. Did a pollinator activity with cheese balls and a candy.

Old Business

- Cost on badges – **action item:** Marghi will order badges.

Meeting adjourned 5:54 pm.

Next meeting: June 17, 2021 – 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Dostie, Secretary