

# **Minutes**

## **Pollinator Pathways NH**

### **Sub-Committee of the Kingston Conservation Commission**

Thursday, June 17, 2021

Location: Three Maples Farm, Kingston, NH

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

#### **Secretary's Report**

Minutes for May 20, 2021 – Approved – Evy made a motion to approve, Elizabeth second – all in favor.

#### **New Business**

Upcoming events were discussed. Comments next to events listed below by month.

Marghi reached out to Melissa Butler. Melissa works at Lowe's and gave seeds to the seed bank. She may have a hanging rack we can use for the permanent seed bank.

Evy purchased pollinator plants for the Rec Center garden from Leslie Herd of the Dover Open Space Committee. Cost was \$40, has been paid by the Exeter Area Garden Club grant of \$100.

"Pollineighbor" event – Dover is hosting this event on Saturday at 9am. Would be fun for PPNH to have an event like this.

**Action item:** Committee to think of ways to best use PPNH stickers and magnets purchased by Elizabeth. Elizabeth was reimbursed by our \$80 petty cash fund from donations at Kingston Days and seed giveaway events.

**Action item:** Elizabeth will contact Master Gardeners to see if they could potentially help maintain Valley Lane.

**Action item:** Evy to contact Paul Butler to see if any counselors hire can help lead children to work on the pollinator garden there.

#### **June**

21-27 Pollinator Week

- Elizabeth plans to blast Facebook with posts for Pollinator week.
- Elizabeth & Marghi put together 60 Grab-n-Go craft projects to be distributed from the Library. The craft projects are for each day of the week. Thank you, Elizabeth!
- Evy & Marghi have developed a Seed Bank for the Library. It will be displayed by the main desk, but a permanent display may be designed for year-round use. We are working with Rebekka (Librarian) on this. PPNH has received a seed donations from individuals, from Lowes surplus, from Agway and from Meadow's Mirth Farm. Evy purchased some native seed online.
- PPNH will put out the normal sign-up sheets for gathering email addresses at the library.

- Raffle – we will offer a butterfly weed plant as a free raffle item.
  - Holly offered to donate blue raffle tickets

#### Webinars in June

- 21 Doug Tallamy
- 22 Vicki Brown - East Kingston Library – Pollinator 101 at 6pm
- 22 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/>
- 30 9am – Wildflower/Bird/Butterfly Walk in Brentwood – Evy and Kevin Talbot – 110 North Road, Brentwood – rain date, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Kristen Murphy of the Exeter CC has offered to help promote events.

#### July

- 18-24 Moth Week
- 20 Audubon- webinar “Beecology: a Citizen Scientist Helping Pollinators” <https://www.nhaudubon.org/event/beecology-a-citizen-scientist-helping-pollinators/>
- 23 Camp Kent, Amesbury talk and presentation.
- 27 Monarch Conservation webinar (mosquitos) 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](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQH0I27zbolqncI CSJl4ds5OvKtcxXzhLEkEgy6naXd_NG6g/viewform)

#### August

- 3 PPNH will present to New Hampton- 11 am – in-person (Shana Martinez – garden club)
- 6-7-8 Kingston Days PPNH will have an info table, raffle, crafts, and native plant sale
  - **Action item: We need plants – PPNH all** - Start to gather native plants to sell at Kingston Days. Plant seeds or dig them up in your yard.
  - **Action item: PPNH all** - Think of grab and go ideas for Kingston Days.
  - **Action item:** Evy to stop by Melanie’s house to let her know which plants can be used for Kingston Days sale.

#### TBD events

Library Garden Walk – still pending

- **Action item:** Marghi will reach out to the library to find a date.

PPNH Conversation at Fairgrounds

- **Action item:** Evy will come up with a date for the wildflower walk at the Fairgrounds.

### **Other**

- We need a bucket list for the year so ideas don't get 'lost'
  - Marghi – Springtime invasives workshop – maybe with the conservation commission?
  - Evy – to complete current projects
    - **Action item:** Evy to look at trailfinder interactive map and share with Robert from the Rockingham Planning Commission – find out what program the PPNH map was created in. How do we make the map more engaging?
- We need to find people who are willing to work at meetings as well as events.
  - **Action item: PPNH all -** think of ways to involve more volunteers to help with PPNH projects.

### **Old Business**

- Catherine Greenleaf – Has a blog and wants an interview with PPNH – Scheduling in the works.
- Badges will be sent out to be made this week.

Meeting adjourned.

**Next meeting: July 15, 2021 – 5:00 pm**

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Dostie, Secretary