

## PPNH Minutes Sept. 28, 2023

5:51 PM

Present: Marghi bean, Evy Nathan, Kathy Youzwak

Excused absence: Holly Ouellette, Trish Murdoch

- August minutes accepted, MM&S all in favor

### Old Business, New Business and Correspondence:

- *Tabled*: connecting with landscapers - until Trish is present
- Plants for Bumblebees handout is complete, handouts need to be picked up in Auburn
- Debrief: Hampton Falls: Good crowd, good feedback, many questions during the presentation showed active involvement, CC being there was a positive.  
**Action item: Evy connect with CC chair in HF and see if they have voted to become a partner town.**
- Debrief: Paul Lacourse, pollinator gardens in small yards: Excellent walk, great host, very good attendance considering rainy forecast. Kathy suggested it would be beneficial to repeat this walk in spring. **Evy will contact Paul, about that and also Ask if he wants to be a helper and contributor at the seed exchange.**
- Catherine Greenleaf, "Bird Hugger" podcast, Kathy suggested that she present a podcast from our seed swap! We all agreed this was an awesome idea. **Evy to contact Catherine**
- Jayme Soyak of Simsbury PP agreed that all towns joining PPNH as partner towns under our requirements, may be added to the national and Simsbury lists as PP towns without going through additional membership requests with them.
- Homegrown National Park cannot add towns at this point. They add gardens individually, which is too much of a heavy lift. For us
- Thank you card from Beverly Mutrie who attended the Hampton Falls talk.

### Upcoming events:

- October 12, Volunteer Fair, Kingston Community Library: Marghi and Evy will have a table
- October 14: SELT Trailfest: M&E&K will be there, rock painting for children, free wildflower seed for adults, the usual handouts. Blue plastic bags as aprons for kids. Evy has rocks and paints. Marghi has a tent if necessary.
- Seed Swap, Nov 11: Marghi has procured the Rec center for that day. Discussion of whether to buy special signs. **Action Item: Marghi will check on a price with FastSigns**
- Discussion of a name for the event. Evy feels that seed swap or seed exchange is best, as that's what it's been called for 4 years, and people are familiar with that name and know what it's about. An explanation will be in the papers and on posts.
- Seed packaging party date TBA, as seed isn't ready to collect yet.
- So far we have the following volunteers: Evy, Marghi, Kathy, Jodi Hencjar, Sydnee Goddard, possibly Walter Kittredge, Kristen Murphy. Waiting to hear from others.

- Discussion of having separate native plant and non-native nectar plant tables. We are about providing habitat for pollinators. We are not a Native Plant organization.

**Christmas Party:**

Wine and cheese winter warmer will be held at Evy's home on (Sunday afternoon) Dec. 10.  
M,E and K will compile a guest list.

Adjourned at 7:00

Next meeting: Oct. 20