

**Minutes**  
**Pollinator Pathways NH**  
**Sub-Committee of the Kingston Conservation Commission**  
Monday, March 28, 2022

Present: Evy Nathan, Marghi Bean, Elizabeth Mello, Melanie Dostie  
Meeting held on Scotland Road in Kingston, NH  
Meeting called to order at 5:39pm

**Secretary's Report and General Business**

- Approval of minutes for December 2021 & January 2022 - MM&S, all in favor.
- Re-election of officers: Marghi Bean (Chair), Evy Nathan (Vice-Chair), Elizabeth Mello, Melanie Dostie (Secretary) - MM&S, all in favor.
- Next meetings will be held in Town space – per town guidelines
- **Action item:** Melanie to print all PPNH minutes and drop at town hall. This will be an on-going task from now.

**Correspondence:**

- Confirmed event date at the Monadnock Garden Club - Sept.21. Another event will be held at some point with Monadnock Conservancy.
- Environmental festival/Exeter/May
- Pelham Public Library virtual event confirmed
- Fremont may be interested in a wildflower walk

**Ongoing and New business:**

- **Action item:** Marghi: need copies of brochures and other documents! almost out of everything – Marghi to ask Kristen Murphy to see if she can print for us in color
- New brochure in the works with Kristen Murphy and Linda
- Seed Library
  - Evy and her niece Susie Felshin have finished most of the prep for the seed library. Need to finish and make signage
  - Need to finalize plans with Library for seed library
  - Print copies of the newsletter for the seed library display
  - Bagley Pond \$50 gift certificate for kick off of seed library.
  - **Action item:** Someone needs to drive up to pick up gift certificate or plant for the seed library.
- **Action item:** Evy to look and choose a seed mix from the online DOT website
- **Action item:** All PPNH members – think of ideas for pollinator week June 20-26, 2022.
- Pollinator meadow Sanborn HS – DOT 5 lbs bag for free
- “Pollineighbor” events?

- **Action item:** Marghi to call Leslie Herd to see when her “Pollineighbor” event is being held.
- Possible locations
  - Kingston Library – Rie Sluder and Ellie Coffin
  - Trip/walk in Leslie Herd’s Dover, NH gardens as a “conversation” and to highlight a native plant resource.
  - Bakie Farm – Steve Roxburgh – small patch
  - Meadow Mirth – Josh would be receptive – Elizabeth will talk with him
  - Epping Library – Patty Laughlin – Evy will reach out to her to see if she wants to do a walk

### **Upcoming events**

- April 8 – 5:30pm - Heidi Holman of NH Fish and Game, Zoom: about 30 signed up so far and counting: Contact from a butterfly group in the Whites
- April 14 - Presentation to Lee/Newmarket CC – Evy & Marghi
- April 23 – 10am-noon - Spring ephemeral walk with Kevin Talbot, Epping (on our FB page)
- April 25 – 10am-3pm, Bagley Pond
- May 14 - Valley Lane clean up
- May 16 - Kensington School presentation
- May 21 – 9-noon - Kingston Plant Sale
- Seed Library: ?
- June 4, National Trails Day
  - National Trails Day – we will need to spruce up the Pollinator Garden for this multi-faceted event.
  - SELT chose to schedule a hike at Valley Lane on National Trails Day  
<https://seltnh.org/event/valley-lane-hike-for-national-trails-day/>
    - Clean up will need to be scheduled
- June 16 - 6:30pm - Virtual presentation Pelham Library
- June 20-26 – Pollinator Week
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- June TBD – Invasives walk at Marghi’s house
- Aug 6 - Kingston Days
- Wildflower walk- August/September
- September 21 – 10am – Presentation at the Monadnock Garden Club

### **Old business**

- Ways to bring attention to newsletter
  - Share link on facebook
  - Add survey on the bottom to ask what people want to see
- Connecting with volunteers: who was the master gardener who offered to help? Still no dice – Marghi called Master Gardener Ruth Smith and left message

- Will the Master Gardeners email their list to see if members are interested in volunteer hours with PPNH?
- Are there local schools offering plant biology courses? Maybe the students would have volunteer hours available?
  - <https://colsa.unh.edu/biological-sciences/program/minor/plant-biology>
  - <https://www.nhti.edu/course/introduction-to-plant-biology/>
- **Action item:** Elizabeth will design a splashy “call for volunteer” email to send out to PPNH email list
- Improvement of Rec pollinator garden and Valley Lane – need help with clean up

**Bucket List:**

- Postponed until 2022 - invasives workshop with Nature Groupie. Marghi will be back in March and a walk on Three Maples can be planned.
- Add more short video clips to PPNH page.
- Walktober fest – maybe plan a similar event for the spring?
- Evy – to complete current projects
  - Evy to look at interactive map and share with Robert Pruyne from the Rockingham Planning Commission – find out what program the PPNH map was created in. How do we make the map more engaging?

Meeting adjourned 6:43pm.

**Upcoming meetings:** Kingston Community Library - Pope room – 5:30pm  
May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 22, Oct. 21, Nov. 17, Dec. 15

Respectfully submitted,  
Melanie Dostie  
Secretary