

**Minutes**  
**Pollinator Pathways NH**  
**Sub-Committee of the Kingston Conservation Commission**  
Thursday, February 10, 2022

Present: Evy Nathan, Marghi Bean, Melanie Dostie

Meeting held via zoom unable to meet in-person due to weather and Covid.

Meeting called to order at 5:39pm

**Secretary's Report**

Minutes for Dec: attached

Could not approve without a quorum of those who attended the last meeting.

**Correspondence:**

- Monadnock Conservancy
  - Email from Rhonda Fowler of Monadnock Conservancy: packet of info and newsletter sent.
  - Presentation date set for September 21 at 10:00 AM for Monadnock Garden Club. Another event will be held at some point with Monadnock Conservancy
- Evy held a Zoom introductory meeting with Linda Lacasse and Denise Dalaker of Bagley Pond (Wholesale and retail nursery) perennials. Pollinator design kits available. Evy to update about plans. BP offered a \$50 gift certificate for raffle plants to kick off of seed library. Marghi emailed with them, too.
- Kristin Murphy from Exeter wants PPNH to be part of an event in May in Exeter – Environmental Festival
- Pollinator program (in person) Contact from Ben Stinson: Litchfield Library: think tank ideas. Ben wants to host an outside event.
- Evy contacted the Master Gardeners – head of MG is Ruth Smith – Evy has been trying to locate the Master Gardener who showed interest in supporting PPNH at the seed exchange. PPNH go out to the Master Gardener's email list as a volunteer opportunity.
- Jane Kowalski: Gmail regarding pollinator garden at Atkinson Academy
- Pelham Public Library: wants a presentation
- Intern from Nashua asked us to manage on a 2 acre pollinator garden project for which she has applied for a grant – we declined.

**Ongoing and New business:**

- Photo “contest” became cover-photo-of-the-day – 18 likes average on each post.
- New director at the library, Melissa Mannon is fully on board with the seed library. Evy and her niece Susie Felshin are working on the seed library. Walter Kittridge has offered seeds for us, too. Melissa has approved a good area by the fireplace in the front room for the Seed Library.

- First spring event to be with Heidi Holman of NH Fish and Game, April 8 via Zoom: Butterfly ID citizen science program
- Spring ephemeral walk with Kevin Talbot in Epping on (4 dates offered in April/May) – He has chosen 2 spots in Epping
- Evy is working on a simple brochure about PPNH on Canva, Kristen Murphy offered to help

### **Upcoming events**

- June 4th – National Trails Day – we will need to spruce up the Pollinator garden for this multi-faceted event.

### **Old business**

- Ways to bring attention to newsletter
- Connecting with volunteers: who was the master gardener who offered to help?
- Improvements to Rec pollinator garden and Valley Lane
- SELT has chosen Valley Lane to be National Trails Day destination.
- (Marghi) Sunflower project – not a good fit for PPNH

### **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
  - **Action item:** 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?
- “Pollineighbor” events would make a great neighborhood “conversation”
  - Possible locations
    - Trip/walk in Leslie Herd’s Dover, NH gardens as a “conversation” and to highlight a native plant resource. She has 5 acres of land.
    - Bakie Farm
    - UNH Pollinator Garden?
    - Meadow Mirth?
    - Epping Library?
    - Camp Kent – not in NH

Meeting adjourned

**Next meeting: TBA**

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Dostie, Secretary