

Approved
Shrewsbury Conservation Commission Minutes 4-4-23
5:15 pm Virtual Meeting

Cynthia Thornton, Weezie Duda, Linda Shelvey, Chris Clarke, Peter Grace, Connie Youngstrom, Carrie Clancy, Pam Darrow

guest: Michelle Greene

1- Review March 2023 minutes-
minor corrections made. Cynthia moved to approve, Chris seconded. Minutes approved. Chris, who took the March minutes, will send the Approved March Minutes to Megan at the Town Office.

2- Treasurer's Report-
Spent \$100, \$1150 left in budget

3- Green Up

Discussion of assignments. Everyone will respond to Connie's emailed "to do" list asap. Connie will keep us updated as the month progresses.

All hands on deck at the transfer station!

4- Wildlife Crossing Project

Project is over for this year unless we get another snow. Linda will compile the info and send it to Jens Hilke. Linda would like to schedule a potluck to thank everyone. SCC will buy pizza for this. Peter moved, Cynthia seconded. All approved. There may be 16 people. Possible date: April 29 or 30.

5- Walks and Talks

Birding- Jockey Hill Farm- May 13@ 9:00, rain or shine
Bring raingear, bug spray. Registration limited to 15 people.

Ferns- Lynn Levine- June 17, (raindate June 18).
We need to find an area with a reasonable diversity of ferns, parking nearby. This will be limited to 15 people as well.

Moths- JoAnn Russo- August 11 (raindate 12th). Perhaps potluck at Town Hall first?

Weezie proposed Meg Madden- photography/ mushrooms. Should we do this in September? Yes!

6- Gary Salmon Tree Project

SCC will replace/replant trees in Cold River Road bend. Add some flowering, native shrubs? Yes. Cynthia and Connie have discussed maintenance challenges in this area. Gary S. was going to put some small saplings in to fill area. Tim Stout has offered soil, heavy equipment and small, native type trees. Pam, Cynthia, and Connie will meet at this area and further plan and contact Tim Stout.

7- Pollinator Project

Approach Pierce's to develop a little pollinator garden? This will be a long term project and may not get done this year.

8- Invasives

Invasives will be upon us soon. Perhaps we will tackle honeysuckle. Pam has personally purchased an "extractagator" - yikes! Weezie and Pam may present at the Mountain School with some invasive curricula. Pam will talk to Sabrina McDonough to discuss.

9- Wildlife Management Area Status

Cynthia has emailed Joel Flewelling who said area will be cleaned up once logging is done. Road will stay open to camp unless there are issues.

10- New Business

Biodiversity informational walk with Bob Zannio May 23 or 25 at Jockey Hill Farm. Linda probably can attend, perhaps others, (Cynthia, Peter, Michelle)

Meeting Adjourned: 6:32

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 2, 5:15 pm. Virtual.

Respectfully submitted: Cynthia Thornton