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Greenfield Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes
November 29, 2023

Recorded by Candi Fowler

In attendance: Karen Day, Kristine Hall, David Hall, Tom Bregani, Brenda Gollihue, Kate Dean and Candi Fowler

Guests: Dave Thimmel and Jeff Littleton

Minutes from the October 25 2023 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written by all members in attendance.

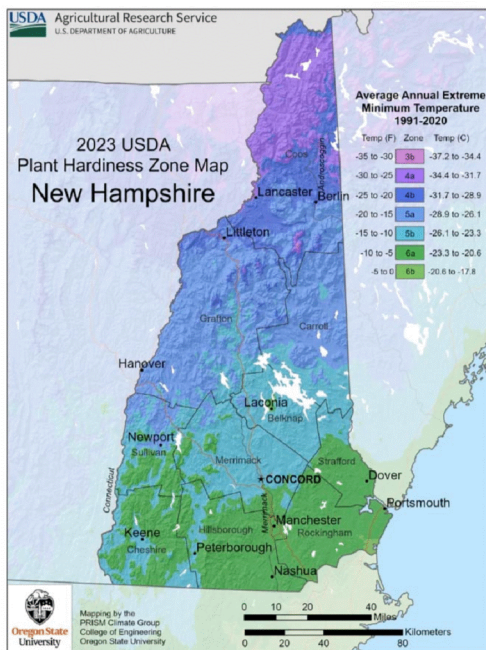
Pollinator Garden Oak Park Discussion:

Dave Thimmel spoke about digging out the area for the pollinator garden and putting in loam – 30 yards of good soil. The dirt at Oak Park is terrible. The soil needs to be amended and built up. The Commission has already voted to buy the soil out of this year's budget for this community project. David will get it ordered and delivered.

Date for the community planting – spring cleanup – needs to be in May – May 11th?

Jeff spoke about the possibility of planting that early and if good root stock, then it would be ok.

The planting zones in NH are changing – getting ½ step warmer so Greenfield will go from Zone 5b to 6a.



Moosewood's role will be to advise about what plants and to help us get the plants. There are some discounts they can get for us. Bagley Pond Perennials – Warner NH – (<https://bagleypondperennials.com/>) quart size plants for \$8 at discount and gallons about \$12 – there is a cost for delivery so working out those details will be key.

20x40 oval is going to be the size of the garden. There will be some paths through the garden more ornamental than walking. Planting in groups is better for the pollinators to find the plants they want. We will be putting up a sign too. The garden will be in full sun – 80% of the day.

What will the water source be – there is going to be a hose about 100 feet away. The Oak Park Committee will be in charge of this garden – so what they'd like is key! A wintertime project will be creating the plant map. Dave has two Memorial Trees that will be in parts of the garden in honor of Oak Park Committee members who have passed so planning around those anchor plants will be something to consider as well as 3 seasons of bloom – spring summer fall.

Jeff will create a map of plants for this project for us – what goes where and how to space it. Dave will work up a hardscape plan for Jeff to use. We'll have another planning meeting in Feb 2024 for this project. In the meantime, Dave and Jeff will work on the plan and should have something to show us by then. We would want to get our order for plants in early so that we get those we want. Jeff will check with his suppliers for the best time to order.

At this time, Dave and Jeff left the meeting so that the Commission could continue with its business.

Municipal Parking Lot Plan:

- Poison Ivy removal
- Not all removed yet
- The Poison Ivy Removal Company will be back in the spring to do more removal
- Karen will meet with the Selectboard and explain the trail project and suggest the possibility of a plan for a veteran's park that could be in the field behind the town offices. Residents have been talking about a veteran's park for

many years. One of the ideas is to possibly move existing monuments from around town to a location where they would be all together. The ConCom is willing to do its part by focusing on the pathway/trail work and creating an entrance from the parking lot. Tom has been doing some research on the school house trail. David remembers running the trail and believes that it predates the school building. For now, we will concentrate our efforts on the loop from the parking lot around to the field and back by the pond. If this goes well, we may consider clearing and rerouting the rest of the trail to connect with the State Park.

Program and Article – David Hall

- Article - On Hold
- No program in January for winter hiking
- Greenfield State Park is going to be open for walking and hiking

Tom has an article for the Feb/March Spirit - due on Jan 1 (things you can see in the winter)
Possibly a hike as well – Brenda will make a flyer.

April/May – Due March 1 (maybe Bears?)

June/July – Due May 1

Candi will do an article for the Aug/Sept Spirit – due July 1

- Candi will do a Butterflies/Pollinators program on Sept 5

Ongoing Pollinator Garden Project

- Possible sites – Fire Department
- Community Project – Oak Park
- Cemetery Trustees are interested.

Beginning a Trail's Map – place holder

GPS and GIS tracking – add that into the ongoing agenda.

Motion to Adjourn – 8:35 – by Candi and all agreed