

Granville Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

(unapproved)

August 7, 2018

9:34 am Megan Bender, Chair called to order. Present: Megan Bender, Jamie Dague and Roger Stauss and noted guests.

Jamie Dague moved and Roger seconded the acceptance of the March 20, 2018 meeting minutes. All in favor.

Public Communication and Comments:

Michael Eagan, Siobhan Neale and Amy Carst were guests.

Discussion with the guests included membership on the Commission. The selectboard needs to appoint new members. Megan will collect names and email addresses and send to Selectboard for consideration. The GCC can have no more than 9 members and no less than 3.

Old Business:

- Roger made a motion to move reorganization to the top of the agenda. Jamie 2nd, all in favor. Megan bender was elected chair and Roger Stauss was elected secretary for a term of 1 year. The commission will reorganize again at their June 2019 meeting.
- The conservation commission is now a member of the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions (AVCC) Amy paid the dues and will submit an invoice to Kathy for reimbursement of \$50.
- Roger spoke with Greg Hagerman about being on the GCC. Greg respectfully declined

New Business:

- Funding ideas were discussed. Megan and Amy will begin to explore “tiny” grants from the AVCC. Other grants possible on biodiversity from the Montshire Museum and early educational grants for children under 5. Roger noted that Jim Dague has set up an account where community members can make tax deductible contributions to help maintain Granville Commons and Freeman’s Launch. Roger will attend the August 20th selectboard meeting to discuss site maintenance responsibilities.

- We brainstormed ideas for a fall event and ideas for educational resources. Siobhan suggested a community potluck including activities for children: nature walks, flora and fauna games, nature trail treasure hunt to name a few. Suggested dates: Sunday September 30th, rain date Sunday October 7th. Working title: Nature Exploration Day. Advertise with road signs, on FB, Google and invite Martha Slater to do an article for the Randolph Herald..and use their community calendar.
- Megan has started a GCC Facebook page.
- Other ideas: Invite experts to talk about Tracking, Biologists talk about animal diversity and environmental experts on conservation and sustainability.

Action List Review:

- Action list review: Jamie Dague will update the GCC google site with new members after appointment. Megan Bender will work with Amy Carst to secure AVCC “tiny” grants. Megan will draft a biodiversity form. Amy and Michael will begin a list of community members interested in working the community garden next year. Siobhan will organize potluck for September event. Siobhan will contact the “Tracker” she knows. Roger will attend the August 20th selectboard meeting to discuss maintenance of town sites.

Agenda items for next meeting:

- Review the following: Revised 2020 document. GCC Bylaws. Membership in the 3 standing committees (inventory, finance and maintenance). Report on September’s community event. Megan’s report on the AVCC summit meeting from September 28th.
- NEXT MEETING: Tuesday November 6th, 2018 at 9:30am. Town Clerk’s office.

At 10:40 JamieDague motioned to adjourn, Roger seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted: Roger Stauss, Secretary