



Date: 1/25/2023

Attendees:

- Scott Pim
- Liz Wilson
- Dan McCombs
- Gabe Porter
- Ben Bade
- Sandy Goodspeed

Absent:

- Jeff Leombruno
- John Scully

PHOTO CONTEST

- Presented award to Lise Johnson, winner of the ECC photo contest.

PROPERTIES

- Miriam Jackson
 - Maria and Barbara presented finished plans for the three gardens to the board. They discussed possible use of rain barrels with an irrigation line for watering, and asking the town to keep the barrels full, but did not have a cost estimate for the materials yet. They are hoping to reuse rain barrels that has been used at the Library.
 - Maria was also asking for milk jugs to start planting the seeds in.
 - Liz asked if they will need potting soil, Barbara said they will.
 - Scott asked if there's anything that can be done to stop the ants from eating the monarch eggs, Barbara said she'd look into it.
 - Barbara is also looking into getting free lilac plants from the state nursery.
 - Barbara gave Maria lots of praise for the work she's done on this project.

- o Barbara said she might ask for help as spring gets closer to help get materials down to the park.
- Updated land data
 - o Liz said updated maps would be about \$500.
 - o From the email:
 - In 2021, it would be 4794.75 Acres conserved for 28.8%.
 - The amount of acres where Epping is listed as the Primary Protection is approx. 665 in 2021.
 - o Gabe asked about goals for total percentage of land conserved, but there is no current goal.
 - o Ongoing discussion about what can and can't be done with the data
 - o Liz will get clarification on what the \$500 can get us.
 - o Suggesting holding off for Joe to get more information about when the town will complete their tax map update
- Fox Run additional table
 - o Dan received the invoice for the table and was paid out of the 2022 budget. Unsure of ETA for the table.

ADMIN

- ECC positions
 - o Sandy provided her resignation letter
 - o Gabe needs to be sworn in as a full member
 - o Scott made a motion to accept Sandy's resignation of her full time position and move Gabe to a full ECC member, and have Sandy as an alternate. Liz seconded. Motion passed.
 - o Joe mentioned he met someone else who might have an interest in being an alternate. Gabe will reach out.
 - o Sandy questioned if there should be a board reorganization and election of officers, Scott suggested we wait until next meeting as we are missing some members.
- Budget update – Dan
 - o Still working on finalizing December numbers
- LUCT warrant article update
 - o Joe sent his edits to Greg for the warrant article description sheet, and reviewed the wording with the board.

- Off topic conversation about trees down at Folsom and who handles the cleanup.
- Tech update
 - Domain name will expire in March, need to add an agenda item for next meeting to approve the renewal.
- Photo Contest
 - Dan will look for a service to help with the voting over the next few months.
- Outreach
 - Lisa heard from the science teacher at the school that they are still looking for a date for the Bio Blitz with White Pine.
- Beard Sand Pit
 - DES has received their first monitoring report and found it satisfactory. Liz will attempt to find a public copy of the report to see if it has photos.
- Sandy presented the Commission members with a copy of the book “Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard” and highly recommends it.
- Joe reminded that February 7th is the town deliberative session and the Conservation Commission has two articles on the ballot this year.

ADJOURN

- Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.