

## **Green Team Meeting Minutes**

**January 27, 2022**

Attendees:

Sue Alexander  
Melanie Crowder  
Linda Draper  
Madeline Blake  
Suzanne Blake  
Valerie Beaudin  
Joan Martin  
Amenda Brown  
Brian Brown  
Kelly Norton  
Terry Klazer

Meeting came to order at 6:30

Next Meeting: 6:30 PM, Town Hall, Thursday February 24th

### **Bayfront Park**

- Vote held to sponsor spring cleanup. Approved unanimously.
- Spring cleanup – it was agreed that spring cleanup would focus on other areas town besides just Bayfront Park. Date will be April 30 from 9-noon and will be advertised as the “Green Clean”. Attendees will meet at the Pavillions at Kellam Field – behind the FastStop. Teams will be dispatched based on pre-determined areas in need of clean up. Committee members (?) will look into obtaining Highway vests so teams can clean up Bayside Ave if needed.
- Northern High School will be contacted to see if students can obtain service hours for participation.

### **Signage**

- No current discussion
- Plan box placement date

### **Pollinator Gardens:**

- No current discussion

### **Education and Outreach**

- Valerie is trying to get registration link for Sam Droege Bee Talk placed on town website. Currently registration is through Calv County Parks and Rec site.
  - Bee Talk – main sign-in table will be manned by Committee Members. Master Gardeners will man a table for their information. John Bacon will be contacted to see if he wants a CBOCS table.
  - Bee Talk – Melanie has sent out advertisements to Gardening Groups. Sue will attempt to contact all town HOAs. Brian B will be post signs at the library, post office and Rolands. Valerie will distribute to Beach Elem, Windy Hill Middle and Northern HS.
  - Bee Talk – Melanie will confirm number of seats available. Monitoring of registration will be imperative to ensure available capacity.
  - Bee Talk – Keith Pardieck is NOT available to introduce Sam.
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- Health and Wellness Fair. Keith Pardieck is sponsoring Health and Wellness Fair on May 14<sup>th</sup> from 10-2. Vote held to provide a Green Comm table. Approved Unanimously. Linda, Sue and Kelly will head subcommittee to determine what information will be provided at table. Ideas include sponsoring seed giveaway (black-eyed Susans?), Green Comm logo items, raffle for native plant(s). Anyone wishing to help should contact them.

### **Storm Runoff Mitigation**

- No current discussion

### **Tree City USA**

- Feb 3 – Sue, Valerie and Melanie are holding a zoom meeting with Holly Wahl to discuss town support for applying for Tree City USA designation.
- Determine benefits to town of this designation to encourage support
- Valerie is submitting request to town for increase to FY22 Green Comm budget from \$7K to \$22K to include \$14K for designation requirements.
- Sue will arrange meeting with Lisa Garrett, Master Naturalist. Lisa participated in getting designation for North Beach and has some guidance for our efforts.
- Requirements
  - o Maintaining a tree board / department
  - o Community Tree Ordinance
  - o \$2.00 per capita on urban forestry
  - o Celebrate Arbor Day

### **Other Issues**

- Vote held for Nancy Feuerle dedication plaque to be paid for out of Committee funds in the amount of \$789. Approved unanimously. Date will be in Spring in conjunction with Bridge dedication.
- Vote held to sponsor fall Paddle and Pickup. Approved Unanimously. Date will be October 1 from 9-11.

- Madeleine Blake announced Feb 8<sup>th</sup> zoom meeting with Underwood & Associates to discuss Japanese Knotweed removal issues/price.
- Suggestion made to have Liz Orlandi speak to the Comm about options for removal of English Ivy and Barberry invasives.
- Feb 7<sup>th</sup> – clip ivy on Rte 260 at the top of the hill by the utility box at 11:00 am – IF it is on public property. Valerie will confirm and notify team.
- Develop Comprehensive Fishing Creek Trail Maintenance Plan to present to town.

#### **Other Ongoing Ideas**

- Work with Kellams Field Committee to contribute more rain gardens.
- Make eradication of Japanese Knotweed a priority
- Install a storage box at pollinator garden for green team supplies and equipment behind spigot – hose, pails, shovels, bags, etc.
- Provide support/sponsorship of plaque for Nancy Fuerle Dedication at the Town Hall Buffer Garden
- Continue clearing vines on Bayfront Park boardwalk and trail.
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Next meeting scheduled for February 24, 2022 at 6:30 pm Town Hall Conference Room