

BAKERSFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Unapproved Minutes, 169^h Meeting, Tuesday 6-18-2024, 1 PM

Present for a Quorum: Pat Evans, Maura Horne, Julie Hill, Carolyn Bronz
Cal to Order: 1:14 pm

Approve Previous Minutes 5-21-24: Motion (JH, MH) to approve - passed

Financial Report - Julie: has no current balance. Motion to defer (MH, CB) passed.

Tree Grant Update: (Marlena from NWRPC unable to attend) Pat talked to the FD. They want four street trees, lindens or whatever we choose. At the school, trees for shading the playground. Replace the big oak that died. The Cemetery Commission needs to replace several trees that have died or been damaged. Town Common could use several trees.

Shattuck Mtn Trail Cleanup and Parking Structure:

- Upper trail is being cleared by the sugaring team. Lower trail needs small trees cleared. Waterfall Trail needs a lot of work - clearing with chainsaw and trail markers. We need some volunteers to assist. Possible work dates are June 30 or July 7, both are Sundays – TBD..
- The parking structure. It's in the woods out of the way. It would need a bucket loader to move it back. Carolyn will email the owner again.

Pollinator Garden Update, work date (edging):

- Julie and Carolyn planted 6 mature plants purchased from H and B last week as well as a few more natives from Carolyn's garden. Previously, Julie Pat and Carolyn raked, weeded and pruned. We now have 40 different varieties of perennials and Carolyn will order plant ID tags.
- A work day for finishing the edging will be scheduled. We will invite Angela from the Vermont Garden Network.

Other Business: 4th of July. Celebration Saturday the 6th. The street will be closed and we plan to have a table. (Weather depending) We will hand out packets of wildflower seeds. Maura has ordered bulk seeds and seed envelopes. Alice may get nature activity booklets for kids from Audubon Society. Other handouts? The Barn Project? Trails info. We need to get a good map of Shattuck Mtn Trail. Flyers - garden? Meet for planning - June 25 - Tuesday 1pm.

Sights and Sounds of the Season: Maura - A robin has built a nest over the front door, which is helping Sage overcome her fear of birds. Pat finally got the Merlin app which is wonderful for identifying bird songs. Ovenbirds, Gray catbirds, many more. Maura shared audio of a catbird who was mad! Julie hears a thrasher every evening. At the bottom of Pat's path a mockingbird has a nest. It is manure spreading season which is very stinky especially in the heat. Julie and Michael were biking on Rte 36 and there were a couple of curious deer keeping up with them, running and looking. There are bald eagles nesting and raising their young at Lake Carmi. A heat dome is over us.

Date for Next Meeting: July 16 1 pm

Adjourn: 2:20