

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR JULY 26, 2016 MEETING

Present: Bourne, Chiariello, DeStaebler, Eastman, Eckstrom, Heiple, Murphy, Plunder, Walz

1. Call to Order 7:34
2. Oral Communications
 - a. Eastman met Stanford dance instructor and choreographer Aleta Hayes who expressed an interest in dancing in a garden. Perhaps could be included in Spring Garden Tour?
 - b. Bev Lipman requests our help educating a neighbor who has a huge patch of thistle growing. Unclear how Town wants us to handle such requests. Murphy will talk with Town Manager to get some clarity.
 - c. Bourne Nancy Reyering who was a guest attending our meeting last month wrote a note expressing admiration for how we conduct our business and appreciation to the Town for working so closely with us.
3. Minutes of June meeting with minor corrections approved by all who were in attendance.
4. Old Business
 - a. BYH - deStaebler - 3 potential applications in pipeline
 - b. Tip of Month - Eastman fire safety with link to Fire department web page on defensible space.
 - i. Several positive responses from residents to last month's post on Milkweed, one stressing the importance of planting the correct species, others pointing out that they are for sale at Summerwinds and Ladera garden centers.
 - c. Kudos of the Month - Murphy - to residents who garden without invasives.

- d. Monarch milkweed project. The milkweed we planted at Springdown cannot be found. They are blooming in Native Plant Garden, and a Monarch has been seen fluttering there.
- e. Native Seeds - Plunder asks us all to gather from our garden and she will re-package into small packets for distribution.
- f. Committee/Town cooperation
 - i. Public Works
 - 1. Native plant garden - awaiting rains.
 - 2. Schoolhouse front yard - hardscape all in. Looks very good. Planting deferred until fall rains.
 - ii. Long Range Planning Committee. A questionnaire to all residents is planned for August. Town staff submitted ideas.
 - iii. Water Conservation Committee
 - 1. Water-wise Garden tour 4/2/17 planning continues.
 - iv. Planning. Bourne and Chiariello went to 145 LaSandra at request of Town Planning to evaluate extent of damage to property where large hilltop was graded flat, all vegetation of hillside eliminated and now massive infestation of invasive weeds has resulted. CC requested to make recommendations for mitigation planting. Subcommittee of Chiariello, Bourne, Plunder and Heiple formed.
- g. Weed seedling info sheet - Heiple and Eckstom working on it.
- h. Ban on Poison bait - deStaebler reports that AB2596 did not make it out of committee. Marin group Wildcare has produced excellent brochure. Subcommittee report to Council currently scheduled for 10/26

- i. Wells - Bourne reports on her research. County Groundwater Basin Assessment group scheduled to talk with PV Council on 8/10. Little progress has been made on state mandated enumeration of existing wells. 2nd workshop of Groundwater Assessment group 9/7 9am to 11am.

2. New Business - none

3. Adjournment at 9:00

4. Next Meeting 8/23, 7:30 pm