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Weston Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 1, 2021 (in person)

Attending: Anne Degan, Andrew Harper, Deborah Hennessey, Jeff Lennox, Loretta Murphy

Absent: Marisa Bolognese, Annie Fujii, Donald Hart

Meeting Called to Order: 7:10 pm

Requested Changes to Agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Review and Approve Minutes: Andrew moved and Jeff seconded to approve May 6, 2021 minutes. Unanimously approved.

WCC Projects Update

- **Weston Community Garden:** A previously scheduled May meeting with board members of the Weston Recreation Center to discuss the proposed Community Garden and Greenhouse was postponed (no word on new date and time). Marisa has prepared a document addressing the concerns of the Rec Center board. The Board is expected to make a final decision this summer and, if approved, the Community Garden would be launched next year. Deborah reported that the recent meeting with the volunteer director of the Ludlow Community Garden was a great opportunity to tour the operation, which includes about 14 garden plots, composting, and fruit vines and bushes.

- **Web Site:** Nothing new to report in Marisa's absence.

- **Civilian Conservation Corps Trail:** The US Forest Service has the kiosk built and ready to go. The photos and maps are complete; the Weston Historical Society is to provide the text. The trail will need regular maintenance this year (brush cutting, several trees down, etc.). A trail work day will be scheduled in the fall.

- **Rec Center Trail:** Andrew has talked or written to all but one of the landowners along the prospective trail from the Playhouse to the Rec Center. He said the trail may need to be shortened because Kinhaven remains concerned about pedestrians wandering onto the property during the eight-week camp session. Another private landowner wants the trail routed outside an existing fenced pasture, which will be difficult to accomplish because of wetlands. Andrew will take another look at the area.

Old and New Business

- **“Bee the Change”:** Deborah reported on a statewide project, Bee the Change, to create pollinator habitat. This would involve designating an acre of municipal space, school space, or other area—currently mowed or unused—for a dynamic pollinator meadow. Bee the Change would provide the seeds, expertise, and potential manpower to foster a successful transformation. Twenty-five Vermont towns are participating so far. Deborah will follow up on this.

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Adjourned: 8:02 pm

Respectfully submitted, Anne Degan

Next meeting: August 5, 2021, 7 pm, in-person