

## Minutes

*Water Street Land Use Committee*

May 10, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

Jamaica Town Offices

**Present:** Jacki Brown (Chair), Kate Ullman (Selectboard Liaison), Erica Bowman, Chrisman Kearns, Anne Connor (recording)

**Excused:** Riley Brown

Jacki Brown called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

1. Recap Selectboard meeting presentation of May 8th.
  - a. Jessica Pollack said she will put our request to use the shed on the agenda for the next Selectboard meeting.
  - b. Anne Connor is donating in-kind water testing for the O'Briens and Coynes (adjacent neighbors) for pre- and post-testing.
  - c. The wildflowers will be planted in the pre-existing meadow.
2. Review timeline and note items completed and next steps. Confirm volunteer work dates.
  - a. See Erica's timeline document (attached).
  - b. Erica worked with John Cravinho on the site-prep last week. The mowing, debris removal, and removal of the invasives is complete. We had some budget savings because of what John was able to accomplish on the same day instead of bringing equipment multiple days.
  - c. Invasive species removed include burning bush, multiflora roses, Japanese knotweed, etc. John was able to remove some of the knotweed on the stream bank as well.
  - d. Location of the compost pile is done – to the left of the garden shed.
  - e. Wednesday, May 17, at 5:15: Ribbon Layout by committee. Use flags. Erica, Chrisman, Jacki, Kate.

**Motion: Go forward with erosion fencing instead of hay bales. Jacki moved, Kate seconded. Passed unanimously.**

- f. Erosion fence goes in before rototilling. (We couldn't obtain the hay bales.) 100 feet (2 feet high) of fencing with stakes attached is about \$30. Chrisman will look into other options and let Jacki know. Jacki to reach out to volunteers Carly and Mike about helping to install it.
- g. Jim Ryan will rototill the ribbons.
- h. **Saturday, June 3: Raking Day (public event). 9:00 a.m. to noon.** Volunteers should bring rakes, gloves, wheelbarrows, and water bottles. Rain date is June 4.
- i. Manure delivery (by Tommy Daigneault) will happen after the first round of cleanup, around Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.
- j. Anne will take soil samples for nutrient testing after the manure has been mixed in (Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>). Anne will cover the cost of nutrient testing as an in-kind gift.
- k. Flowers will be delivered (to Erica's house) on the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- l. **Saturday, June 17: Planting Day (public event). 9:00 to noon.** Volunteers should bring trowels, gloves, and water bottles. Rain date is June 18.

- m. The Mountain School is interested in hearing from us about how this type of project works.
3. Review flowers to be planted.
- a. We will plant about 2,000 flower plugs, about 30 species of flowers, on June 17. We need about 30 volunteers (10 per ribbon).
  - b. Late-season asters can't come until the fall. We will delay ordering them until later to see if we have the funds. Overall flower costs were higher than expected because of a 20-25% shipping fee.
  - c. Chrisman will donate some asters.
  - d. Erica has a few lupine seeds.
4. Review budgetary items
- a. Open grant application to the Vermont Community Foundation – no news yet; should hear this month.
  - b. Devise a plan for raising additional funding – Jacki drafted a donor appeal. Anne will use it to create graphics for social media.
  - c. Kate will get Jacki a copy of the Town's tax-exempt certificate so the Town doesn't have to pay taxes on it when purchasing items.
  - d. Erica will purchase the hoses (for reimbursement).
  - e. Jacki is thanking donors.
  - f. Need to follow up with the New England Grassroots Fund on paperwork for getting our grant money. Kate will get back to them to let them know that the committee's name did not change; they were waiting to hear about that before sending the paperwork for Jessica to sign.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 31, 5:00 p.m., Town Offices**

Adjourned at 6:23. Moved by Jacki, seconded by Kate. Passed unanimously.

