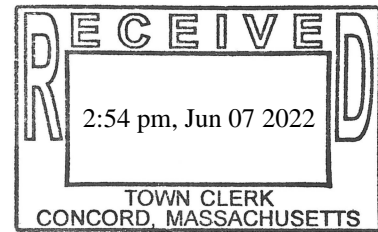


Town of Concord
 Pollinator Health Advisory Committee
 Meeting Minutes
 May 9, 2022, 7 PM (Zoom)



Attendee	Role	Present
Mark Hanson	Chair	Yes
Isabel Bailey	Member	Yes
Stanley Lucks	Member	No
Janet Rothrock	Member	Yes
Christina Scherer	Member, scribe	Yes
Steve Verrill	Member	Yes
Matthew Johnson	Select Board Liaison	No

Agenda Topic	Notes
1. Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
2. Approve April 21 meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isabel moved to accept minutes; Janet seconded • Unanimous to accept
3. Review how our work at the 4/30 Cooler Concord Fair on went	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janet thought it went very well • Isabel noted that people were interested, and that natural resources handled the invasives display, and also got into the difference between natives and cultivars • People were interested in growing natives and getting familiar with that concept • Mark referred a few people to the SVT site with plants • Bug hotels were a hit – 40-50 were made
4. Propose/discuss/decide updates to our website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on how best to track pollinator related legislation. Can swap out tracking document occasionally if webmaster is amenable to this. Otherwise, have link to search page with tips on key words. • Mark can put together other info on pesticides; perhaps Steve can help • Need to update members (remove Sig Roos) • Add a section with links out to resources- SVT, Lexington Living Landscapes, Gegear’s plant list, • Suggestion: have quick bullet points for key things people can do (could have those link out to other sites) • Look at Southboro web site for ideas • Can we also have an upcoming events box?
5. Co-sponsoring Dr. Gegear with CLCT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark reached out to Jane from CLCT but hasn’t heard back from her yet

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No money available from Select Board • Garden clubs might contribute? • Good to get a rough idea about how much Gegear would charge before going to ask for funds • Other good speakers for bees/pollinators: Nick from Tufts pollinator group; Desiree, doctoral student in Springfield
6. New business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isabel: following up on Janet's idea for seed collection in the fall. Need to train someone on seed collection and storage. Bryan Windmiller has pollinator garden over by water treatment plant and is happy to have students collect seeds • Janet- high school students; work with faculty sponsor of Green Team (Priscilla Guiney) – kids need a 2-3 week window and they should get community service • Need more info on when to collect the seeds (likely different times for different plants) • Let's pick 3 plants to focus on this year, just to get going. • Try to get advice from others- SVT task force? Brian? • Could also ask community garden members to help harvest seeds • Have a table at Ag day in September
7. Public comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding Lois Suarez to committee • Lois noted that Minuteman Tech has a horticultural program- might be interesting to check into that
Summary & action items:	<p>Items to follow-up on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All: Prepare suggestions for updating the web site prior to next meeting and circulate to committee members beforehand so they can be reviewed
6. Adjourn	Adjourned at 8:10

Next meeting: June 6 @7PM