

Meeting Minutes Thursday November 33rd, 2022 6:30 PM: Bakersfield Fire Station

Attendees: Cynthia Scott, Craig Cimmons, John Little, Paul Stanley, Lindsey Wight, and Sarah Lunn.

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 6:36.
- 2) Review of October meeting minutes
 - CS made a motion to accept, PS seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.
- 3) Administrative business
 - Office update - Great VT Digger article, John! Berkshire is interested/concerned about water use - costs may go up with the addition of a resident? Discussion of progress: moving in next month is likely! Lindsey and Sarah would love to move things over before snow sets in - John will let us know when we can get things into the basement at least.
 - Updated equipment for office: printer - would be nice to make quality prints, and not have to go to UPS. Also: our's doesn't do double-sided well. Does it make sense, rather than buying a big beast, to upgrade a bit, but not fully - and still do high-volume printing through UPS? Possible to lease a printer – may be as low as \$40/quarter? Simquest is the company. Do they also supply ink? That may make it a good deal. Conclusion: research this, and bring cost estimates to the December meeting.
 - Screen for hybrid meeting - Cynthia has one that may work; she will send measurements. Craig will research costs and what it takes to set this up. Ability to plug computer into the screen would bypass the need for a projector.
 - Volunteer form - Lindsey is looking into a way to do this via an online form. One concern: requiring google account: be sure to check the box so that this isn't a requirement for people filling out the form.
 - Bookkeeper update: Naomi Kro at Even Keel VT in Morrisville is able to take us on as a client. Her fee is \$50/hour. Initially, set up will cost more, but then will likely become manageable. Doesn't care to do taxes; recommends we continue working with Christina at Taxes and More.
 - JL motioned to contract with Naomi; CC seconds; all in favor.
- 4) Projects update and planning
 - Trees on order to finish the Parent planting.
 - Will plant at Westcom's next spring - Woody Buffer applications open soon. Will also apply for two Vermont Land Trust areas.
 - Town connections - striving to visit town Boards and Committees for our mid-missisquoi towns. Will share as we can, if Board member's want to join. PS says to bring appropriation request to Bakersfield selectboard meeting.
- 5) Events
 - Our North Troy project is changing - we will use W&S funds to bring Circle of Courage up watershed next spring; this fall we are now aiming to take students out to Holland to the Nulhegan Center. Also art projects to fulfill that grant project.
 - Knotweed Bonfire: Saturday November 19 from 4-7pm at Riverwalk Park in Montgomery.
 - 2023 events:
 - Open house for the office "New Year/New Building". A 'coffee and donuts' event on Saturday January 7th from 9-11am.
 - Soiree in Feb or March: personal touch and constant reminders will be important.
 - Do a segment on waterbars and maintaining them - Joey from Enosburg would be a good presenter for this?
 - Clean-ups: one in late spring (the June ECO gathering?), and one in early fall
 - Knotweed maze - as an educational activity "Get Lost Knotweed". October?
 - Tree-planting success tours
 - A Jay Peak volunteer day? Tree planting (some at Jay?). A clean-up? But they do Green Up day. Willow staking/a bank stabilization project?
- 6) Other comments?
 - FNLC presented on their Rock River sampling (no P reduction seen) and discussed the number of ag practices that have been implemented: can't assume that ag practices will relate to reduced P!
 - FNLC is curious about our Water InSight program - connect with Alison.
 - FNLC's annual meeting is on Nov 17th.
 - More corn in our region in recent years.
- 7) Next meeting: Dec 1, 2022: OFFICE!! 6:00pm potluck; families welcome.
- 8) Adjourn at 8:14pm