

LAMOILLE COUNTY POLLINATOR PATHWAYS
COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY,
8/19/24 5:30-6:60 P.M.

PRESENT:

Denise Greene
Peter Danforth
Dave Meyer
Leslie Mahoney
Olive Ylin

Our monthly meeting held at the Lamoille County Conservation District conference room was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Introduction:

Denise Greene introduced guests and thanked Peter Danforth for hosting our group. New members and guests were encouraged to introduce themselves and describe what interests them and brought them to our group meeting.

Olive Ylin lives in Elmore and has gardened for many years. She's interested in learning more about what we do and being part of a gardening group that appreciates pollinators and their habitat.

Activities and Updates:

We tabled the Waterbury Meadow Tour Summary and the update on the VT Center for Eco Studies discussion for next month's meeting.

Hyde Park Meadows Tour - Denise told the group about the low turnout for the Hyde Park Meadows tour and that we appreciated Dave, Debbie Myers, and Deb Adams coming with great questions and enthusiasm. One highlight spoken by Denise was a couple walking their dog on Commonwealth Ave. who stopped to ask about the meadow and told that they had changed their walk so they could go by a few times a week and see what was blooming in the meadow.

Other Garden Tours - We discussed Don and Lela Avery's Botanical Gardens as another tour opportunity. Denise will organize a day to go as a group and send an email with details.

Upcoming Planting Projects Discussion:

Peter mentioned that he would like to see more plants added to the bio-retention area on Prospect St. in Hyde Park. He left it with the neighbors that they could add plants at their discretion. He hasn't seen any additions yet. Denise can contact a neighbor and see if they would like to do a planting with Pollinator Pathways. We'll need about 30 plants to cover the area and some volunteers to help. Denise will update after she makes contact and will share it at our next meeting.

Peter is also working on the tree planting at the Oxbow and gave more details of the site. He will update us on that project as it develops.

Denise will provide a flyer with information on the woodland planting at the Town Municipal building in Hyde Park on Thursday, September 19, and Friday, September 26. She is planning to secure some funds for plants and seeds. Volunteers should bring a pitchfork, gloves, and a watering can. Olive suggests that it could be a great demonstration garden with plants labeled and signage.

Leslie Mahoney asked about the Morrisville property at the dismantled gas station on the intersection by Cumberland Farms, and Edward Jones. Union Bank, and Green Dragon are across the street. She wondered if it could be planted with a wildflower mix. Denise will find out some background on the property owner from MACC. Peter suggested Union Bank could be approached for a mini-grant to fund the project.

Guest Speakers:

Denise emailed Doctoral student Leslie Spencer to inquire about Leslie's availability for a talk or presentation on Pollinators in Vermont. A reply is pending.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30, submitted by Denise Greene