

## Montpelier Conservation Commission (MCC) Meeting June 13, 2019 – City Council Chambers

Members present – Page, Jamie, Michael, Katie, Brenna, James, Charlie; Student members – Jasper

- Meeting started 7:03
- Agenda approved as drafted
- Resilient Rights of Way – Elise Schadler VT Forests Parks Rec, Milly Archer Vermont League of Cities and Towns, Corey Line Montpelier Department of Public Works
  - Elise – End of three year grant to increase capacity for communities in Champlain basin for stormwater
  - Split in urban and rural
  - Green Streets Guide – meant for all towns in the state
  - Ten towns, Milly Archer brought on officially and Holly Greenleaf who provides artist rendering of projects or city regulations
  - Milly and Holly are contracted to provide hours to each town with no set end product required
  - Different regulations, BMPs, etc., may not jive with one another, this program could help figure out any potential issues
  - Project options
    - Rain gardens are an option
    - Reviewing new zoning to see how it might impact stormwater projects
    - Also include help with City Plan
    - How other groups or committees may interact with these types of projects
    - Rooftop disconnection project
    - Helping with zoning comments an option?
    - List of local, state, NGO experts to help with zoning review
    - Holly could potentially design a raingarden kiosk for the credit union project
  - Milly has capacity sooner
    - Reach out to Dan Richardson regarding handouts from last meeting to provide to Milly
- Master Naturalist volunteer projects
  - Sponsorship of Master Naturalist volunteer project: Montpelier Rapid Wetland Assessments
  - Sponsorship of Master Naturalist volunteer project: Montpelier Riverbank Status
  - Page motioned to approve \$500 (\$250 per project) from MCC budget to sponsor these two projects, Charlie seconded, all in favor, motion approved
  - Charlie provided updated on rapid wetland assessment project
- Rain garden update
  - Five proposals!
  - They were sent to the MCC email
  - Need to be reviewed for comments
  - Google doc with the MCC email to comment, including a matrix for reviewing
    - Brenna can help with this

- Conservation Commission will vote via email once top proposals are recommended by stormwater sub committee
- Proposal comments due Monday June 24<sup>th</sup>
- Subcommittee will send top proposal to group to approve over email by Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup> or sooner
- MCC moving forward
  - Staff support from the city needed to reduce burnout from commissioners
  - James to follow up with City Manager's office about next steps
  - May be a good time to review how meetings are run, times, location, etc.
  - Establish protocol to make sure one or two people are not doing too many tasks
- Meeting adjourned at 9:09

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