

Sustainability Commission Minutes January 19, 2016

Commissioners Present: Michael Roberts, Alison Dolbear Peterson, Carl Canner, Bruce Sessom, Patricia Karohl With a quorum present, the meeting convened at 7:10 PM

Minutes – Michael The November minutes were accepted.

Michael – He will send out annual report for our review and then submit it to the town clerk.

Alison – reported on milk weed planting. Groton Place Monarch Butterfly Habitat Report - The milkweed meadow was prepared and seeded and should produce plants next summer. Alison wrote an information sheet for the public that NEFF placed at the habitat site and in the information kiosk at the entrance to the property. This habitat will be registered as part of the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge. This is a national initiative to create new pollinator habitat by the end of 2016.

Carl Canner – Quiet on river, no flooding, melt was very slow. Showed graphs of flooding from 1973 – 2012. He will write up description of pictures previously submitted.

Michael – Reported that the Happiness Survey (2 sets of data) will be collated by the Happiness Alliance in Seattle and when he gets the report, he will post a link to data on web site.

Bruce Sessom – He went to the Ag. Commission and offered to help local farmers with regulatory process. The idea was well received.

New Business - Prescott School Community Program to put in sprinkler system to make facility more usable. Motion was made and seconded to write letter of support from the Sustainability Commission for the Prescott School Community. Michael Roberts will draft the letter. Friends of Prescott is putting together a plan to utilize the facility for a Community Center.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 PM