

Sustainability Commission Minutes September 19th, 2017

Commissioners present: Michael Roberts, Alison Dolbear Peterson, Bruce Easom, Carl Flowers, and Carl Canner. With a quorum present, the meeting convened at 7:05 pm.

July minutes were read and accepted.

Groton Climate Change Adaptation Report – Michael

The report is ready to distribute to town organizations. He will write a cover letter to attach to the report.

Pollinator Preservation Project Report – Alison

She met with a local scoutmaster to find out whether the Boy Scouts can assist with building the Monarch pollinator habitat at Groton Place. He thinks it would be an appropriate community service project or an Eagle Scout project for the spring. She is continuing maintenance of the pollinator habitat at the COA.

Dam/riverbank erosion – Carl Canner

He reported that there has been an increase in the intensity and frequency of storms and flooding in the New England region that has caused erosion. This needs remediation or in 10 to 20 years the Nashua River will start flowing down Rte 225. He wrote a letter describing the problem but has not received a reply.

Agricultural Initiative Progress – Bruce

He will set up a joint meeting between the Sustainability Commission and the Agricultural Commission to discuss helping with the permitting process for new farmers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.