

## CCC Meeting 9/7/2017

**In attendance: Marita, Jennifer, Brad H, Karen, Stacey, Larry, Bill R.**

Doug Norton is a visitor sitting in the meeting to learn more about what we do.

The mosaic bench was installed in the ravine.

Larry: Goshen's Open House is Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 10am-4pm. The grower is shucking the oysters for \$1/shuck.

### **Projects**

Is there a plan to do a rain garden, in Little Magothy View this fall? Yes, let's plan on that.

Go forward with the swale regardless of what the County is doing regarding the ball fields? Maybe there is a temporary measure we can do ourselves. If we install the swale this fall, let rocks settle, then plant in the spring so we can adjust the swale if needed. The swale will have check dams, and must handle all the water and sediment load that comes from the ball fields. We've been waiting for a year for the county to do something about it. Maybe consider putting something temporary to catch the sediment (perhaps logs).

### **Events Fundraising:**

#### **Plant Sale: "Native Plant Festival"**

Jennifer ordered the plants. American Natives has all but Beautyberry. (Maybe substitute Fothergilla). Babikow has all but 2 things \$70/flat delivery. Cavanaugh's has many things missing. Jennifer will review.

American Natives uses a third party to deliver: \$375, which is excessive! Brian will let us use his trailer, so Jennifer will go get them on that Friday. She may get the Cavanaugh's order to save on their delivery charge.

Jennifer got her Baywise Certification last week. Mary Yee is a Master Gardener, has an observation hive so can see the inside of the hive. She's offered to bring it and speak at the Plant Sale. We have 2 tables for Master Gardeners, and we will, also have Watershed Stewards and Master Naturalists. (Stacey is checking who of them will be there)

Someone said that if it's gross, scary, or disgusting, it's a big hit with kids. We need 2 other speakers. Jennifer will be one if needed. She'll ask the Master Gardeners to see if any of them want to speak.

Stacey will contact Chris Pax to see if she wants to speak.

Brad will print posters if we send him the PDFs. (Jennifer will send the poster files to Brad's school address) The things that stick in the ground (Bermashade?) are cheap. Jennifer will look into that.

We need to share it in the I live in Cape St Claire Facebook page and the different garden clubs in the area. Jennifer will ask K. about those contracts.

Remind Phil that the community signboard should say "Native Plant Festival". We will have asters, goldenrod, grasses, ground covers, etc.

You can look online and click on it to see the picture. Our visitor, Doug Norton, noted how nice that is.

We should have a planning meeting. Jennifer will send out a Doodle Poll.

Stacey requested that everyone start collecting beer boxes and boxes from Sam's and Costco.

Do we need a QR code for the Plant Sale?

Karen volunteered to pick up plants with her truck if necessary.

### **Harvest Bash**

Jennifer will update the flyer/poster and send it to Brad K with Al Todd's band's name. She will ask Al what name they go by when they aren't playing church music.

We have to start putting out the word soon.

Phil already reserved the sign board for the Harvest Bash.

We need to double the trays of wings. Karen will make chili again. We should try for a donation from Squisitoes again, but we will skip Red Hot & Blue. Stacey will hit up Zoe's again for hummus & pita, and Graul's for fruit. We all agreed that we could have fewer desserts—maybe just brownies and pies.

### **Local donor from yard sale**

Stacey said that James Clemstine in the community is having a yard sale auction, and that he wants CCC to be at his yard sale/auction and he will donate some of his proceeds to us. He has a lot of stuff. Sept 23, 9am-12. Stacey will go over and represent us. If anyone else wants to go, speak up. (Jennifer will probably do 10-11) Brad H. might go too.

### **Rosemary Stockard**

Stacey talked to Rosemary Stockard, who works for Radcliff Collins, which gives grants for conservation projects. We could get some money to do a project. Maybe invite her to give us the information on it in one of the CCC meetings in Nov/Dec/Jan. She offered to help at the Native Plant Festival.

### **The Humane Gardener.**

Stacey handed out the flyer to us at the meeting. Phil reserved the Clubhouse already. Have some light snacks and keep it simple. The speaker, Nancy Lawson, costs \$300. Stacey will ask Cape Hardware to chip in on the cost.

### **Other:**

The **Kayak** on the Magothy (from Lake Claire beach to Spriggs Farm) last week was fun. It took about an hour each way. Maybe next time disembark from Spriggs Farm and do it in October (spur of the moment), or maybe wait until Spring. Brad K created a "water trail" map for the Magothy River Association that has all the weigh points and kiosks, which serve as a way to get people out on the river. Our Facebook page has a link to the Magothy River Association website.

### **Bamboo Removal**

Brad H is hoping to get Youth Sailing to Lake Claire for bamboo removal. Get Sawyers to do the grinding. We will have to talk to the CSC Improvement Association first. Fairwinds runoff goes into a pit. Larry's filter is torn, so it drains into the beach parking lot. We need something to handle the runoff from there. Jennifer said that the next time the boy scouts call asking for a project, she will mention the bamboo removal. We need to provide the County with a Vegetative Management Plan (a simple form). Winter will be the best time to cut the bamboo. We need permission from the Board first. Then in the spring, we could have Patrick apply herbicide to the cut bamboo. Brad H will email Bill S. We will all help with that effort with tools and labor. We need to take up Larry at Fairwinds on his offer to meet on the design to address the swale and pay for half of the restoration, which will involve replacing the bamboo with a step pool system to deal with the water.

The next quarterly CSCIA Board meeting will be in October. Hopefully they will discuss the erosion.

Patrick has been spraying in Lake Claire. He posted on Facebook that he's been spraying. Marita asked how do we communicate with him. Jennifer said email.

Some possible future activities:

- Spring bird walk

- Native garden tour

- A September garden tour as a prelude to our Native Plant Festival.

Future projects down the pike:

- Swale at Little Magothy

- Swale at Lake Claire

The inlet phragmites removal will be part of the beach restoration project, under the purview of the Cape Community Association. (Sustainable Science).