

Attendees (4): David Lewis, Rhiannon Johnson, Polly Darnell
7pm - 7:45pm

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Agenda/Continued Business

- Wildlife Corridor Project:
 - We now have eleven cameras out.
 - Susan and Dave are working to contact landowners for new camera sites.
 - As a suggestion, we could invite Sophie to attend our March meeting to answer any questions that members or volunteers would like to ask about our project so far. The cost would be less than her visiting here.
 - We would be asking her questions and would be inviting the folks who have cameras on their property who might have questions
 - Rhiannon: after we gather this data what are we doing with it
 - David: Sophie will do the mapping, but it comes down to money
 - David will ask our group again if there are questions for Sophie
 - Rhiannon: just want to make sure we know what we're doing with this data before we have Sophie come back
 - Polly: we plan to use this to inform the Planning Commission about the areas that need conservation
 - Reviewed Sophie's estimate for the work she did with Bristol in 2023
 - Need to figure out how we get to the end goal of what we need to deliver to the Planning Commission
 - Rhiannon: are there other resources we can utilize for mapping that may not be so expensive? Such as the ACRPC?
 - Rhiannon will reach out her contact a the ACRPC
 - Rhiannon will also reach out to contact on the Monkton Town Forest Committee to see how they had their map created
- Budgeting:
 - See document that David sent around provided Danielle (Treasurer)
 - Polly will look through the Town reports to see where our money has come from historically
 - The Conservation Reserve Fund money is not allocated to the CC, these are restricted funds
 - David has a draft of the memo regarding the specifics of this fund from Cheryl (past Chair)
- Community engagement
 - Community Reading: Polly has spoken to the new Librarian about collaborating on getting a book in for a reading/discussion
 - Polly recommends: Eat, Poop, Die
 - Perhaps the author would speak to us

- Polly will push this forward with the goal of having this happen late March/early April
- Community Values Mapping
 - Rhiannon sent around a bunch of resources shared from Jens. Jens is willing to speak to us about the resources and how he has seen this work, but is unable to facilitate
 - Rhiannon will also ask the ACRPC if they would help with facilitation
- Arm Chair Naturalist
 - Polly is still interested in us doing this program in the future, but it's unlikely to happen this year
- Did not discuss - Are there any strategies to raise funds that we have heard about from other commissions that could work for us?
- Did not discuss - Can we come up with a rough budget figure for March 2024?
- Adjournment