

Attendees: David Lewis, Ellie de Villiers, Adam Rice, Rhiannon Johnson, Mary Pratt

Old/Continued Business

Wildlife Crossing Study Project

- **David** to reach out to the select board to determine what path we have to take to obtain the ability to mount game cameras in ROWs
- **Ellie** will fill out any necessary permits
- Discussion: not going to put signage up as not to draw attention that may result in
- David: We are scheduled to meet with Sophie on 10/12 to do scouting for locations for game cameras. Details to follow.
 - She suggests we meet 10/17 to meet to pace cameras and will reserve 10/18 as a rain date
 - Hoping to get FPF volunteers help
- Ellie: how are we going to determine where to locate the 10 cameras
 - David: Sophie thinks we can scout all of the sites in one day and she will make recommendations. Assuming we will look at 5-8 sites and will determine what locations will have the most success
 - Adam: most sites look accessible but how far off the beaten path will we go?
 - Ellie: we can't go too far or else we will be off the ROW and on private property
 - We reviewed the map David sent out
- David: we need to agree on whether or not we want to pay Sophie
 - She is \$250/day plus \$80/day travel
 - We would be hiring her for 2 days
 - She will invoice us
 - Ellie: new to the commission so not sure what we typically use that money for, but thinks this would be a good use
 - Rhiannon: do we have any sort of yearly budget and have we planned anything for that money?
 - Adam: when was the last time we spent money
 - David: spent about \$100 when we did the forester talk
 - Adam: are there any ongoing burdens that tap those funds
 - (see budget discussion under New Business)
 - Ellie: Motion approve spending \$660 to hire Sophie to engage in the scouting and placing of 10 wildlife cameras during the month of cameras
 - Rhainnon second
 - 5 yea's - Motion carried unanimously
- We would like to have engage the community and get additional volunteers to do this work
 - David has a family member interested
 - **Mary** will reach out to the folks who responded to the FPF post saying they are interested

Depot/Pollinator Project

- Adam shared his screen showing the Vermont State interactive maps website - shows that there are not designated wetlands around the town and that a wetland study was done
- No additional action at this time because the depot is still under construction

Binoculars

- Mary found out that decent binoculars would cost \$200 each
- Ellie: we need to speak w/ Katie at Library about funding sources
- Adam: positive we can find more resources to support this either financially or donate the materials
- More coordination with the Katie and the library is needed

New Business

- Budget:
 - Rhiannon: do we have a budget for the funds we plan to use for the Wildlife Crossing study?
 - David not that I know of
 - Adam: we should get a statement from Pam so that we have a baseline and then would could start to have some allocation for events, education,
 - Ellie: do we have separate bank account from the Town of New Haven
 - David, don't think so, seems cloudy
 - **someone needs to investigate
 - Next Steps:
 - David will look into:
 - 1) need to find out how our budget is allocated
 - 2) need to figure out how much money we have allocated to us
 - 3) need to figure out if we have our own account or if it is just grouped in to the Town of New Haven Account
 - 4) need to figure out how we get more funds allocated to us and if/when we propose our budgets
 - Group to discuss the results in the next meeting and subsequently we will work toward creating a budget for the following year