

CCCD Meeting Agenda

August 15, 2017

Called to order: 5:01

Attendees:

Sarah, Kris, Haven, Kelly, Scott, Joe, Steve, Mike

NRCS Update (Kelly)

Paul Salon & Brandon Smith are working on cover crop trials in the state. One is being done at Alan B.'s and possibly more sites once corn is off. Kensley (summer intern) is leaving on Friday and will possibly be back next year. 3 streambank projects are going in soon, adding another ¼ mile of buffers to Coos County. The young forest agreement is in place and Kelly / John L. will be presenting at the DC meeting about the project.

District (Sarah)

Financial Report – July 2017 motion to approve – Scott, 2nd - Kris

New Cooperators

Office Activity:

7/20 – LIS RCPP Conference Call

7/27 – NHACD Demo Agreement Conference Call

8/3 – Picked up grass seed for nursery

8/22 – Soil Erosion Control Field Day

8/24 – Asparagus Lunch & Learn

8/31 – Lancaster Fair Starts

Fall Bulb Sale Mailing

Moose Plate Grant Amendment

Demo Agreement Proposal

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Nursery –
 - a. Will purchase the gate once we get paid for task 3. Kris has a gate for us to use if we need one now.
 - b. Grant Amendment needs to be signed & notarized Scott will sign
 - c. Tool Shed is too tall to move on Andy Hick's or Dale Macoy's trailers. Possibly ask Essex CCD if they'd like to purchase the shed? \$1000 minimum price.
2. Pollinator CIG – NHACD has a commitment to a CIG grant that Xerces received for a large portion of match. We were able to come up with 75.6 acres of delayed mowing from 2016 (thanks to Kelly!) that didn't receive NRCS assistance which totals to \$13,490.06. Steve – Make sure producers are managing fields for weeds / invasive plants (yellow rattle).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Demo Agreement – NRCS is working on a 5 year contribution agreement for approximately \$700,000 total with NHACD for district demo projects. NRCS National office is looking for a lot of detail up front for these agreements, and they will be looking more closely at payments etc. as the agreements move forward.

There are two parts to this agreement:

- i. Demo projects – NRCS Contact: Don Keirstead
- ii. (ALE) Easement Monitoring – NRCS Contact: Sue Knight

This agreement will be 75% funded and 25% match. In-kind match is acceptable and staff time is an allowable cost. Districts will be allowed to use professional rates and NRCS / NHACD will determine a uniform fair market value rate. I submitted a proposal for the two stream habitat improvement sites we discussed last meeting.



- a. Both are in E. Milan, the first is along Stearns Brook (tributary to the Androscoggin) and the other is along Chickwolnepy Brook. The total needed for surveys, designs and permitting is \$20,252.

Joe has a contact in Maine that does the same kind of work as Field Geology Service; his name is Troy Berry. Can give Kelly & I more contact details if we're interested.

2. Forestry Workshop – A cooperator / land owner workshop, at a property on Lost Nation Rd.
 - September 30th works for the property owners
 - Discussion topics? [Timber Stand Improvement, Early Successional Habitat](#)
 - Time? [10-12](#)
 - [Haven, John L., Kelly, Brendan will be there to talk at the workshop](#)
 - [Sarah will do a press release and mail flyers to landowners](#)
3. Lancaster Fair - I will make a sign-in sheet for the fair. Please fill it out if you're going to be at the fair and can spend some time at the display board (re-organized papers / put out more posters / talk to people going by). I can use everyone's time as match towards the LIS RCPP.
 - a. We will have two tickets available again this year. I will keep them inside the office mailbox, in an envelope. Please put them back after being used.
 - b. We have the opportunity to display the wood ash spreader at the fair this year. What are everyone's thoughts? [Ok as long as it's not being rented out. Lock everything up on it so it's safe for the public / can't steal anything off it.](#)
 - c. [Steve has some soil test kits that we can give away at the fair.](#)
4. Rain Barrels – The Charter School no longer needs the rain barrels for their garden outside the office. Do we want to sell them / use them at the nursery / store them for the future?
[Try to sell them at the fair for \\$50 each next to display board.](#)
5. Sarah told everyone that she won't be continuing to work for the CCCD once her baby is born in mid – late November. She will be working on re-doing the job description and will start a list of monthly activities for the new person to reference. She will also push off LIS-RCPP state reporting duties to another county. She is willing to help the CCCD with anything that may arise after she leaves.

Adjourned: 6:00 Kris motioned, Scott 2nd

District Calendar

- **January**
 - 1st – New Year’s Day (OFF)
 - 10th – Board Meeting
 - 16th – MLK Jr. Day (OFF)
 - 17th – 18th - Farm & Forest Expo
 - **February**
 - 14th – Board Meeting
 - 20th - President’s Day (OFF)
 - 21st – Forage Crop Workshop
 - 22nd – Soil Health Meeting
 - 27th – Agronomist Interviews
 - **March**
 - 15th – Dairy Seminar
 - 17th – Bulb / Plant Orders Due
 - 21st – Board Meeting
 - 23rd – Agronomist Orientation
 - 30th – CDEA Meeting
 - 31st – Annual Budget Meeting
 - **April Spring Bulb Sale**
 - 11th – Board Meeting
 - ~~13th – Soils Training Day~~
 - 19th – Roller / Crimper Demo, Unity
 - **May Spring Bulb Sale**
 - 1st & 2nd – Plant Pick-Up
 - 4th – Mud Season Breakfast
 - 9th – Board Meeting
 - 9th – 11th – Field Office Review
 - 11th – Spreader Demo
 - 16th – Soil Training Day, Sunapee
 - 17th & 18th – Conservation Day
 - 29th – Memorial Day (OFF)
 - **June**
 - 13th – Board Meeting
 - 28th – CDEA Meeting, Concord
 - **July**
 - 4th – Independence Day (OFF)
 - 11th – Board Meeting
 - **August Fall Bulb Sale**
 - 8th – Board Meeting
 - 22nd – Erosion Control Workshop
 - 24th - Asparagus Lunch & Learn
 - 31st – Start of Lancaster Fair
 - **September Fall Bulb Sale**
 - 1st – 4th - Lancaster Fair
 - 11th – Bulb Orders Due
 - 12th – Board Meeting
 - 25th & 26th – Bulb Sale Pick-Up
 - 30th – Forestry Workshop
 - **October**
 - 10th – Board Meeting
 - 30th - Fruit & Veg. Seminar
 - **November**
 - 14th – Board Meeting
 - 2nd & 3rd –NHACD Annual Meeting
 - **December**
 - 12th – Board Meeting
-  = Events to discuss
-  = Events to be approved by the board