

Environmental Resources Committee Meeting  
November 9, 2016 – 10:00 – 11:20  
NG Public Library Meeting Room

Present: Cliff, Dick, Joanne, Phoebe

To-do list:

- Annual report: Phoebe will review minutes of the past year and draft a one-page report, to be sent to the committee for corrections and suggestions.
- Budget information is needed before the next meeting for planning purposes; Dick will get information from Lori Wilson and send to members.
- Plant removal at the fairgrounds: Plants in front of the galvanized fence at the fairgrounds, which is to be taken down, will be removed by Cliff and Dick next week. Dick will tell Will of the schedule and Will will contact the public works department.
- Pollinators garden: Plants will be ordered from Fedco for next spring; Joanne and Phoebe will make a selection. A sign giving information about the garden will be discussed during the winter.

Sabbathday Lake/Morrison property:

- Dick has submitted a form to CCSWCD to request a free site visit, but has learned that there is no money remaining in their budget to send the engineer out. Dick will call Heather at the conservation district to get a rough estimate of costs for a site visit and then will contact committee members.
- Deb Larrivee has looked at the site and agrees that work is needed to stabilize the ditch, which is badly eroded, and probably will include a stable outlet basin and rock lining of the ditch. Ted Shane has been to the Morrison property to see the problem.
- Cliff will provide a recap of information for Mr. Morrison after Dick hears again from Heather at CCSWCD.

Stevens Pond dam:

- Phoebe has spoken with Jim Pellerin, IF&W fisheries biologist, about the proposed culvert replacement. Jim said that he could recommend a type of dam that would be easier to operate, but felt that it would be too costly for this type of project. He suggested using one or two 12" pipes that would allow water to pass freely during periods of high flow, either high up in the dam structure or in the center of the 'box'. He felt the MDOT engineers would understand the problem and could easily discuss options. His suggestions have been passed on to Paul.

Transfer Station:

- Paul was to contact Ted Shane about a speed bump at the station, although it sounds as if any re-organization of the station and re-direction of traffic may be held over until next year. The approximate cost for purchasing a portable rubber speed bump, according to online sources, would be \$392 for a 19' unit, or \$480 for a 25' piece.
- No action as yet on a counter, and the question was raised about whether or not this would provide info to the town as changes are considered.
- Wecompostit: No word from Paul as yet about a discussion with Ted, or when/if a trial run of composting will be attempted. The committee will visit Poland, which has recently contracted with Wecompostit, to see how the program is working there. Paul and/or Ted will be invited to go with us.
- PaintCare: The town will not participate in the program because of contract concerns. Joanne will write an article for the NGXchange suggesting where folks might take paint for recycling.

Workshops: Ideas were briefly discussed, but more time will be devoted to this over the winter. Mentioned were topics such as 'safe' lawn care, and septic tank building and maintenance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phoebe Hardesty, secretary

