

ERC Minutes for May 4, 2023

Members Present: Lauren Jordan, Diane Lamson, Sarah Kaplinger, Doug Smith, Noreen Williams

Approval of April Minutes - Motion to accept minutes as written, seconded and passed

UPDATES:

Parks and Rec Sarah R not present to give update

Seed Giveaway Set for June 4 along with Friends Book Sale. Pinetree Seed Co donated many packets of seeds. Lauren and Diane put a selection of seeds in NGPL for the 'seed library' and there will be more for the book sale event. We will also offer information on other relevant topics such as soil tests, invasives, recycling. Lobster trap composters will be delivered on this date

Town Recycling Research Lauren will request to be on the agenda at a select board meeting and will present the question/answer sheet that was filled out by the town staff. Lauren will request that the board have a workshop regarding the information gathered so far, and also request permission for the ERC to survey town residents regarding their interest in recycling.

Community Resilience Partnership: (Doug) The ERC will form a subgroup to analyze the data collected from community members so far with the goal of sorting the information into 'themes'. Doug will get back to those members interested with a date for this subgroup to meet and sort data. Doug will attend a 'Communities Leading on Climate' conference

ERC LOGO ERC members agreed on a new logo, with a green image on a white t-shirt. Lauren will order accordingly.

Possible Budget Items:

Plant labels and a wasp nest decoy for the pollinator garden
Items for the community fair table (t-shirts, ERC logo items...) and an ERC banner

New Business:

Pollinator Garden - Work day scheduled for Sunday May 21 at 8am rain or shine. We will post in NGX the need for more help with this project. Diane will attend the FNGL meeting and request help at the fairgrounds. Lauren will arrange compost delivery with Peter Bragdon

Community Fair: Possible theme "Native Species", tours of the pollinator garden, seed giveaway

Upcoming Events:

Invasive species Walk and Talk with Robb Cotiaux: We will meet at the pavilion at the fairgrounds on Sunday, May 7 at 4pm Details will be posted on NGX and on flyers

Movie Night at Gray Public Library: Tuesday May 9 6-8pm "Water Harvester: An Invitation to Abundance"

Next meeting date June 1, 2023 at 5:30pm

Respectively submitted by Diane Lamson, Secretary ERC