

## ERC Minutes for Oct 5, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm

**Members Present:** Lauren Jordan, Diane Lamson, Sarah Kaplinger, Doug Smith, Dustin Ward (SB Liasson) Mike Brakey

1. All members introduced themselves to new member Mike Brakey

**2. Approval of September Minutes** - Doug motioned to accept minutes with one change, seconded by Lauren. Mike abstained, 4 yes votes and the minutes were approved with noted change.

### 3. UPDATES:

**Parks and Rec** Sarah was not present to provide any updates

**New Plants at the Pollinator Garden:** Diane and Lauren planted 12 plants purchased from Donna's Greenhouse, and 4 plants donated by Rachel Lyn Rumson. Help from Lauren's husband, Tommy, was much appreciated

**Town Waste/Recycling Next Steps** Lauren summarized what the ERC has done so far regarding the town's recycling practices. No action has been taken since the last meeting and the next step is still for Diane and Lauren to meet with the transfer station staff to discuss the ideas we came up with last month.

**Collaboration with BLING:** No action has been taken since last month. Lauren will meet with Julie Fralich for more details and gather information regarding a possible public workshop.

**4. Gardening Classes at the Library** Diane will contact Noreen regarding any plans the Friends of the library might have for gardening workshops similar to the ones offered last year. We will look to see if there is a potential to collaborate, or if the ERC will present workshops

**5. Community Resilience Partnership:** There will be a workshop on 10/16 with the ERC and the Select Board. The presentation and discussion will be on moving forward with New Gloucester's enrollment in the CRP. Doug presented a draft agenda for the workshop for discussion

**6. Friends of the...** Doug put the idea out for consideration that the ERC propose a community group, Friends of the Dump or other title, as we move forward with efforts to improve the system

**7. Dark Sky Program:** Sarah K presented the information she received from NG Resident Mikayla McGregor regarding enrollment in the program. After discussion, the committee agreed that as we are already engaged in several major projects at this time, we will have Sarah lead Mikayla towards the Town Planner with her plans to move forward with this.

**New Business** Nothing new at this time

Next meeting date November 2, 2023 at 5:30pm

Respectively submitted by Diane Lamson, Secretary ERC