

ERC Minutes for Rescheduled: April 10, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lauren Jordan, Diane Lamson, Mike Brakey, Kyla Viger, Doug Smith, Sarah Kaplinger, Nate Reimensnyder, Selectboard liaison Dustin Ward

1. APPROVAL OF MAR 7 MINUTES - Kyla motioned to accept minutes as written, seconded by Mike, minutes were unanimously approved with no changes

2. UPDATES:

Parks and Rec Sarah was not present to report

CRP Grant Application: The state will notify us by mid May if we are accepted for participation. Lauren said there is much competition for the grant money, but there are at least 3 rounds, and this 2nd round is only open to enrolled entities who have not received prior grant money.

3. SEED GIVEAWAY - Lauren provided posters to hang locally. The library has done a fair amount of advertising. Diane will get handouts and plants to Lauren before the event.

4. POLLINATOR GARDEN SPRING CLEAN UP - April 28th was canceled due to scheduling issues. We will pick a new date at the next meeting.

5. POLLINATOR GARDEN TOUR: (Kyla) Date set for July 28. In partnership with the 250th committee and the Shaker community, the fairground garden tour will be part of the larger community garden tour. Kyla presented a draft of the flier. There was discussion around what email should be used that isn't a member's personal email. Also discussion around what gardens (backyard and commercial) would be included. At this time it will be limited to backyard gardens only. Kyla suggested the town of New Gloucester might have an official plant, one idea being the Black Gum Tree. Dustin suggested Kyla bring information and promotion to the board on May 20.

6. ERC SOCIAL MEDIA/NGX ARTICLES: New schedule: April - Earth Day and No Mow May
Doug's CRP article will be moved to May along with an article about the Pollinator Garden.
June will focus on the Transfer Station.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Dustin brought up the following issues to keep on our radar:

He spoke to someone regarding Carbon cash-back policy referendum

Casco Bay Trail/ Trails to Rails

Town Forest Advisory

B. There is a Public Hearing planned to discuss town owned land inventory, probable to be scheduled after the next election. A list is available for all town owned parcels of land.

Next meeting date May 2 at 5:30pm

Respectively submitted by Diane Lamson, Secretary ERC