

ERC Minutes for August 1, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lauren Jordan, Diane Lamson, Mike Brakey, Kyla Viger, Doug Smith, Nate Reimensnyder

1. Approval of July Minutes -Mike motioned to accept minutes as written, seconded by Doug, minutes were unanimously approved with no changes

2.UPDATES:

Casco Bay Trail Alliance: ERC was requested to write a letter of support of the project to be given to the selectboard. Letter will ask that the selectboard pass a resolution of support. Nate will come up with a draft for ERC consideration.

Town Fairgrounds Septic Plan Diane contacted the town planner to express our concerns about losing plants to this project and any action that might be taken. ERC members will attend the Aug 5 SB meeting to share these concerns during committee reports. Bids on the project are also due Aug 5

Fairground Trees Diane expressed concern regarding the ornamental trees along the fence by the road. Lauren will contact Rob Cotieux for advice.

ERC Budget/Purchased Items Lauren sent a PO to the town manager for seeds, labels, sign holders and 12 t-shirts. It is still unclear how reimbursement happens. Tommy Jordan will build a kiosk for information near the pollinator garden to replace the mailbox.

Community Resilience Partnership Grant Application Lauren sent copies of the award letter to ERC members. The town manager has signed the award letter. Lauren will contact Kelly at GPCOG to discuss next steps. Doug suggested forming an ERC team to stay involved with GPCOG and the town manager as the process moves forward.

Garden Tour Doug and Kyla visited all gardens during the event which piggybacked on Open Farm Day. They reported that overall the tour was a great success.

3. ERC Community Fair Booth (Sept 7) Booth will include room for:

CRP projects. GPCOG will provide a NG based flier for handouts.

Interactive Idea board for community members to share ideas on resiliency projects/concerns

Lobster Trap Composter

Information on Royal River Conservation Trust

Information on joining the ERC

Nate will get tshirts and Lauren will look into safety magnets

4. RRCT Discussion tabled due to time constraints

5.Land Acknowledgment Discussion tabled due to time constraints

6.NGX Topics Discussion tabled due to time constraints

NEW BUSINESS

Diane will look into a replacement sign for the pollinator garden certification

Mike reported on his research into electric delivery rates and sees them increasing dramatically

Next meeting date Sept 5 at 5:30pm

Respectively submitted by Diane Lamson, Secretary ERC