

## ERC Minutes for March 7, 2024

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

Brief introductions were made by all ERC members present and potential member, Nate

**1. APPROVAL OF FEB 15 MINUTES** - Kyla motioned to accept minutes as written, seconded by Lauren, minutes were unanimously approved with no changes

**2. UPDATES: Parks and Rec** Sarah was not present to report

**3. SEED GIVEAWAY** - Lauren provided a brief recap of the event in 2023. AnnMarie from the Friends of NGPL contacted Lauren inviting ERC to join their pop up sale on Sunday April 14 from 12-2pm. Members agreed to participate. Diane will contact Pinetree Seeds for possible donation, and will gather informational handouts.

**4. POLLINATOR GARDEN SPRING CLEAN UP** - We set a date for April 28 9-11. We will attempt to get local gardeners to help through word of mouth. Related, Diane will contact the director of the UMaine Master Gardener program for ideas on making the pollinator garden a sponsored project. Diane's understanding is that there has to be an educational element to the garden to qualify as a master gardener volunteer project.

**5. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP:** Lauren and Doug met with the Town manager today and will bring the grant proposal to the 3/18 Select board for review and approval. The grant is specifically for a vulnerability assessment and was drafted by GPCOG based on our conversations with them. ERC members reviewed the application and clarified some areas. Lauren will complete some of the blank sections (with help from GPCOG) before the Monday March 12 deadline to get it to Sharlene in order to be on the SB agenda for the 18th. Doug suggested fleshing out the section on Community Engagement to include specific actions such as information mailers, etc.

Mike presented the 2010 NG Energy Efficiency plan with his thoughts on how this can be tied into the Grant Application. After discussion, Lauren and Doug will follow up with Sara (GPCOG) for her thoughts on adding the to the grant application. Because of the impending 3/29 deadline to submit the application, we will likely table this until our next round of grant applications

**6. ERC SOCIAL MEDIA/NGX ARTICLES:** Kyla submitted an article about the Seed Sowing Workshop we offered to the public in January. Feedback on the article included providing the names of the people in the photos. Doug will write an article for late March on the CRP process and where it stands to date. The subject for April will be the Transfer Station practices.

### NEW BUSINESS

A. Mike distributed the flier for his May 28 presentation for UMaine Senior College on the topic of the Pursuit of Net-Zero Energy Home in Maine - Five Years Later

Next meeting date April 4 at 5:30pm

Respectively submitted by Diane Lamson, Secretary ERC