

ERC Minutes for August 10, 2022

Members Present: Doug Smith, Diane Lamson, Sarah Rodrigues, Laura Fralich, Noreen Williams, Sarah Fitzpatrick, Peter Bragdon

In the absence of Chairperson Lauren Jordan, the meeting was chaired by Laura Fralich

Introductions were made to welcome new member Sarah Fitzpatrick, and Selectboard liaison, Peter Bragdon

Minutes of July 2022- Doug motioned to approve July minutes with no changes, seconded by Noreen. All members voted in favor of the motion

Parks and Rec update - (Sarah) Week 8 of summer camp, and the ongoing preparation for the community fair

Community Fair: (All) Date is Saturday August 20

- A. Diane will provide a tent and 2 tables. Diane will contact Rob Cotieux regarding invasive plant samples. Sarah R will arrange for transport of the composter bin to the fairground. This bin will be a raffle item for the ERC booth. Doug will bring raffle tickets, a box for them, and any signage needed. Laura and Noreen are bringing additional literature in the form of handouts and sample books for the table. Laura created a schedule for coverage throughout the day, and Doug and Diane will be responsible for set up before the fair opens.
- B. Logo Selection and Banner size - Members discussed options available and came to an agreement that we would ask that one of the logos be tweaked a bit for use on a banner for now. If changes can't be made at this time, members voted to use the overall favorite anyway and work on a new logo over the winter. Sarah R will order a 2x6 banner
- C. All other logo items were tabled until we come up with a unanimously agreed upon logo

Update - Community Resilience Partnership: (Doug) Rachel Lyn Rumson has the communities of New Gloucester, Gray and Durham on board to work together. She is finishing her application for submission this week. Doug has been offering his input on the application. He will forward a copy via email to ERC members.

Update - Lower Village Project: (Doug) the transfer of ownership of the Grange Hall Road parcel from CMP to the town is imminent. The town planner has designed a possible 8 car lot for consideration. This lot would serve RRCT as public access to future trails. RRCT to provide some funds to develop the parking area in question.

Update - Apparel Impact Bin: Lauren has sent a report via email to committee members. The town has agreed to continue offering the bin for public donations at the transfer station.

Pollinator Garden Work

Members still plan to do a soil test to determine if we need to add organic matter before mulching.

BLING - Building Livability in NG surveys are due Aug 31.

Solar Array Options: Info has been sent to Peter Bragdon. It is unclear what the status is, and if ERC is expected to present options to the Select Board. Laura will contact Peter for clarification

New Business:

Future Gardening Class at Library - (Noreen) is arranging for speakers for gardening topics. She asked ERC members to suggest topics relevant to ERC work. Suggestions were composting, invasives in your yard, and water collection, responsible irrigation etc.

Town Recycling - Members agreed that the ERC should make this topic one of its next priorities. Laura will talk to Peter regarding this, and the best way to move forward.

Next meeting date Sept 1, 2022 at 5:30pm

Respectively submitted by Diane Lamson, Secretary ERC