

Minutes of the Environmental Resource Committee November 14, 2018

Present: Cliff Andrews, Doug Smith , Dick Allen, Trudy and Tony Hodgdon, Joanne McKee

The Meeting came to order at 10 am.

Fairgrounds:

Bulbs were put in at the pollinators' garden and at the edge of the new plantings along the track. The new plantings were mulched and any remaining mulch was used up. The pollinators' garden was weeded and plants deadheaded.

Roy from the PWD suggested that more permeant stakes be put in along the pollinators' garden with the rope inserted in a hole in the stakes. The area needs to be cordoned off to prevent geese and dogs from entering the area.

The remaining area next to the handicapped ramp will be cleared in April with a request for help again from the High School Community Service Club. Dick will contact the club in the Spring.

Planting for this area and possibly other areas will be ordered again from Fedco Trees. The deadline for the order is March 1 , 2019. Phoebe Hardesty and Joanne McKee will research the catalogue in December.

Treasurer's Report

The majority of our funds will be spent on plants at the fairgrounds. Some funds will be spent for developing handout outs, etc, for the Town Fair that will be held in August and material for displays at the library plus mulch and stakes.

The budget request for next year is due Nov. 29th to the Town Manager. \$500 will be requested.

Recreation Committee

Dick attended with the Recreation Committee's latest meeting. A new part time director has been hired who has a degree in recreation planning. His name is Morgan Rocheleau. After much discussion, the Rec comm.suggested space be rented at the fairgrounds for a farmers' market. This may require some town approval before being finalized. The farmers' market would rent space after July 4 and until sometime in October 2019.

The issue of safety on the roads in the lower village on Halloween night was discussed. Perhaps this is an issue for the Town's Safety committee.

Dick will continue to attend to the rec. comm. meetings.

Cliff or Dick will extend an invitation to Morgan to meet with our committee in February to possibly help coordinate plans between our groups.

Sabbathday Lake erosion: SLA may be looking into a grant from Soil and Water Conservation. Dick will check on this.

PaintCare: This is a two part contract and we are only interested in utilizing the first part that has no fees. Linda Chase will be asked to attend our March meeting so we can discuss this further with her. A copy of the contract will be sent to her prior to the meeting for her review. Our hope is to reduce the tonnage that goes into the hopper and thus save the town money.

WeCompost: Cliff will talk to Ted from PWD and show him the information we have as to costs as well to see if he would be interested in visiting the South Paris facility that has been using Wecompost successfully for a couple of years.

Transfer Station

Cliff has reviewed the listing of recyclables with Jeff from the transfer station and has given the revisions to Sharlene so the web site can be updated and also with the hope that the update can be put on the Ngxchange web site.

A new sign has been put up at the transfer station. Inquires will be made on how to post something from our committee on it.

The library display on 4 destructive bugs was put up Nov. 1 and information about the display was put on the NGXchange. Tony and Trudy will take it down Nov 30 and save the material for future displays.

Another display will be put up in either April or May on invasive plants and alternates to use for these.

The members are still interested in taking a tour of one of the Hannaford Supermarkets to see what is being done to save energy. Phoebe will ask if this can be to arranged for some time in January, other than a regular meeting day.

It was decided not to have a meeting in December and Cliff will let Sharlene know so the town calendar can be adjusted.

December: no meeting

January: Work on the town comprehensive plan revision

Possible trip to a Hannaford supermarket

February: regular meeting asking Morgan from the rec. commit to come

March: Regular meeting asking Linda Cause to come to discuss Paintcare

April or May: library display on invasive plants

Meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Respectively submitted:

Joanne McKee, Secretary