

Minutes of the Environmental Resources Committee July 1, 2021

Present: Douglas Smith, Diane Aromando, Alicia Howes, Dick Allen, Lauren Jordan, Joanne McKee

The meeting came to order at 5:30 pm in the Community Building.

The minutes from the June meeting were approved and filed.

Parks and Recreation: No report at this time.

Lake Assoc. update: Dick Allen

After a report of potential milfoil reported in the Royal River, further examination proved this was a different type of weed. At Sarah's suggestion, Dick spoke with Chris of the SLA about looking at the other water bodies in town for invasive plants.

The Lake Association is sending out a survey on their web site to land owners around the lake and to others about non owners use of the Lake with the possibility of looking into new regulations concerning use of the Lake. It was suggested that this survey also be put on the NGXchange.

ERC work plan: Doug highlighted 3 areas of the new Comprehensive plan that involve this committee and the Selectboard:

1. Town buildings sustainability study: the possibility of looking at a new energy study of town buildings. An initial study was done years ago and many changes have occurred since. Cliff Andrews found the initial study and we think it is at the town hall someplace. The Town Manager will be alerted to this item as she can put in on the Board's agenda.
2. Review of solid waste collection and disposal: Ideas for reducing tonnage in the compactor will be collected by Lauren, ie. Paintcare, WECompositit, and passed onto the Town Manager and Selectboard. Diane and Lauren may visit the WECompositit site in Auburn.
3. Protection of Sabbathday Lake and funding to help with this. This is discussed above.

The process for bringing these items before the Town Manager and Selectboard was discussed. Doug will continue to update the Selectboard about our work.

The ERC meetings for the remainder of this year were set:
August 5, Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, no meeting in December.

Community Fair Planning: It was decided that the theme would be alternates to plastics. A book will be raffled, washer laundry sheets will be purchased to give away, an activity for children will be developed, other alternates will be on display as well as a handout with alternate websites for plastics. Details will be finalized at the August meeting.

Work at the fairground gardens: Scheduled for Thursday July 8th at 8:30 for weeding, pruning and making sure plant markers are readable.

Public education: Joanne will put information on Asiatic garden beetle on the NGXchange.

Workshop opportunities: When found they will be listed on the spread sheet that Sarah developed for us.

Lower village project: RRC and the GNGLL are separating their project. After the real estate closing, the Trust will own the RRC area. The trail planning comm. will be revised.
The Town now is in possession of the corridor previously owned by CPM.

Sale of the Town Forrest land along Rt 122 was tabled by the Selectboard.

New business:

Tony and Trudy Hodgkin have written up the annual report for this year and members will review it before sending it to the Town office.

Doug will investigate the reason behind the membership number on this committee being reduced from 8 to 6.

The next meeting is August 5 at 5:30 in the Community building. The meeting ended at 7:15.

Respectively submitted, Joanne McKee, Secretary