

Minutes of the Environmental Resource Committee May9,2019

Present: Douglas Smith, Dick Allen, Phoebe Hardesty, Trudy Hodgdon, Tony Hodgdon, Joanne Mckee, Cliff Andrews, Morgan Rocheleau

The meeting came to order at 10:30 am.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as written.

Comprehensive plan :

Doug had developed a spread sheet for the update of the town's comprehensive plan which we all reviewed and added some items to it. Members were asked to review this again before our June meeting adding anything else we felt was needed. It is then hoped that this can be given to Scott Hastings for review.

The educational display for the month of May at the library on invasive plants and alternates to use will be taken down by Trudy and Tony Friday May 31 at 9 am. Information about the display was put on the NGxchange by Joanne. All postings on the NGxchange now must be sent to the editor for review before they can be posted by the editor. In an effort to inform more people about our displays, it might be possible to use displays at Pineland's facility. Doug will try contacting their education coordinator about this.

Fairgrounds:

Seven members of the high school service club spent 3 hours with us clearing the area near the proposed handicap ramp and helping plant two trees along the fence by the road. Jim Fitch has offered to root and stump out the area with his equipment. It then might be possible to plant just some of the remaining items. The remainder will be planted when the handicapped ramp is complete. Morgan is aware of this work to be done. If items cannot be planted, a secured tarp will be put down to help prevent regrowth. Phoebe will mark some items that must be removed.

Clean up and mulching of the pollinators garden and other plantings is scheduled for Friday May 31 at 9 am. Morgan will ask Ted from Public works if we may have 2 yards of mulch delivered to the fairgrounds for this.

Phoebe and Joanne discussed a spot for the lilac bush to be planted by the 4 H club and Joanne will contact the leader about this.

The stakes and rope around the pollinators' garden need to be made more permanent. These help keep dogs, geese and other animals out of the area. Cliff will look into purchasing wooden stakes into which two holes can be drilled so that two strands of rope can be strung through them. Funds are still available for this.

The mailbox has been returned to its post and information about plantings has been put into it. Joanne will add the new plantings to the sheets after they are put in.

Morgan requested that we check the recreation schedule on the town's website whenever we wish to work at the fairgrounds and notify him of our plans.

Community Fair:

At Morgan's suggestion, Joanne will contact Peter Bragdon about our committee putting up some displays about various environmental items with free handouts.

StevensPond:

Stevens pond area has been purchased by Beverly Cadigan. Fish and Wildlife will continue to stock it. It is a "put and take" fishing spot for those under 16 and for the disabled and veterans. Pineland Pond is also stocked but there are no restrictions as to who can fish there.

Committee Members:

Phoebe Hardesty , Dick Allen and Cliff Andrews will be retiring as of July 1 but are willing to help on various projects as needed. Doug requested that we all look for new members to replace them.

The meeting adjourned at 12pm.

Respectively submitted,
Joanne McKee, Secretary

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