

Minutes of the Environmental Resource Comm Sept 17, 2020
via Zoom

Present: Douglas Smith, Diane Aromando, Morgan Rocheleau, Alicia Howes, Joanne McKee, Guest: Town Manager Brenda Fox Howard, Lauren Frantz Jordan

The meeting came to order at 6:05 pm.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved.

At Doug's request, Joanne gave Brenda a brief overview of what the committee does. Doug also read our mission statement.

Doug reported on the Soils and Natural Resources workshop that he attended at Reid State Park. Lectures were given on soil layers and were examined as well as invasive species, among them Asian or Crazy worms that have been found in Portland. Doug will put information about these on the NGXchange.

Parks and Recreation update: Morgan said that 2 information kiosks will be put up shortly at the fairgrounds. He would like our committee to put up some environmental information in them. Trails at the fairgrounds: Hopefully the committee can walk these and start to identify some of the plant material that can be marked in some manner and then identified on a paper that people can take with them when walking the trails. A discussion was had on how to get help and/or grants to help with developing the trails further. Members will try to find information on these.

The proposed budget for our committee was discussed. Brenda asked that as much detail as possible be listed.

Work at the fairgrounds: Morgan said that the cheerleaders probably would be able to help spread the remaining mulch Sept. 24 or 25 after school. He will contact us to let us know which date and time will work. It should take about 2 hrs to complete at most.

Alicia is working on the application for designating the pollinators' garden at the fairgrounds an official pollinators' garden. The application fee is \$10 which she will be reimbursed for out of our budget. If approved , a plaque can be purchased to put in the garden. We hope to encourage others to grow pollinators' gardens and to educate them on how to do this and then register them.

information for the NGXchange: Doug will write about crazy worms. Joanne will look up a previous post on inexpensive ways to winterize your home and will have it posted.

Comp Plan Review: Scott will be asked to attend the Oct meeting to provide some guidance for our review and feedback for the draft of the plan, which is due in November. The plan is available on the Town's web site under committees for us to review before then and Doug will send us a link to some additional information.

Doug will contact Dick Allen to ask if Dick will be a liaison for SLA.

The next meeting will be via Zoom at 6 pm Thursday Oct. 15th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Respectively submitted,
Joanne McKee ,Secretary