

Minutes of the Environmental Resource Committee March 4, 2021 via Zoom

Present: Doug Smith, Dick Allen, Diane Aromando, Alicia Howes, Lauren Jordan, Sarah Rodriguez, Joanne McKee

The meeting came to order at 5 pm.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as written.

Budget: Some funds are still available for attending workshops before June 30.

Sabbathday Day Lake Assoc.: Dick Allen said that Chris Riccardi sent him an email about the problems with sand that were spread on roads during the winter and that have the potential of running into the Lake at various places (across from the old Grange Hall, across from the Outlet, etc.) To date he has not heard back from the Town Manager about this problem. It was suggested that he again send the letter to the Town Manager as well as the Selectboard since the Town Managers leaving April 5, and try to be on the Selectboard agenda to discuss the problem with them. Doug said he would also send a letter of our concern to the Selectboard and Town Manager.

Dick will follow up with the SLA Board about two possible grants from the Maine DEP: 319 Grant Program-Clean Water Act. and the Small Community Grant Program that deals with water runoff.

Long Term ERC work plan: Before the next meeting we will each look over the goals and objectives of the comprehensive Town Plan available on the Town's website noting revisions and the reality for accomplishing them.

Seed Project Distribution Project:

The date will be Saturday April 17 at the Community Building. People will be asked to sign up before hand since we have a limited number seeds. Covid protocols will be followed. Diane and Joanne will work with Sarah about setting up the displays, etc.

Lower village project: Sarah said that the selectmen will be taking a closer look at the project including the Grange Hall Road parcel and the proposed parking area. RRC will be addressing concerns about light, noise pollution and traffic. The trails near and around wetlands areas are being adjusted.

Public Education etc:

Information will be forwarded to members about Wecompostit, a program we would still like to implement at the transfer station.

New Business:

Diane and Doug are attending the workshop on permaculture offered by the GNG Adult Ed. Diane gave a summary of the first of 4 classes.

The time to take out brown tail moths nests is March and April. It is suggested that the Public Works Dept check the fairgrounds and other town properties to prevent more problems. When it is less icy, the Fairgrounds can be checked. We are unsure of the chain of command for getting this done. Doug will ask as well as Sarah.

A workshop via Zoom is available March 18 from 4-5 from the Maine Botanical Gardens on "Foundation Factors for Sustainable Turf" for \$15 that perhaps someone from the Recreation Dept could attend since the ball fields at the fairgrounds are in a questionable state.

April 1st a workshop is available from the Maine Coastal Botanical Gardens from 4-5 pm on Zoom on 'Establishing Trees in the Urban Landscape' that one of us will attend.

The next meeting is at 5:15 April 1. Time was adjusted because of the workshop that day.

The meeting ended at 6:05pm.

Respectively submitted,
Joanne McKee, Secretary