

Minutes of Environmental Resources Committee February 3, 2022

Present: Doug Smith, Diane Lamson, Dick Allen, Alicia Howes, Laura Fralich, Lauren Jordan

Meeting called to order at 5:36pm

Minutes of December 2, 2021 were approved with no changes. There are no minutes for Jan 2022 as we did not meet due to covid restrictions

Parks & Rec: (Sarah not present)

Sarah reports through Doug that she is working on the budget which may include paid activities which will generate income. Doug will confirm that the ERC is included in the budget.

Lake Association (Dick)

Dick mentioned the Quarrying to be done on Pond Rd and suggested that the ERC may want to stay informed about the project.

Apparel Impact Bin (Lauren)

The bin is now at the transfer station sited just before the recycling bins. The 6 month trial start date is Jan 20. ERC will post flyers to inform the public as to what are acceptable donations

Climate Action Plan (Doug)

ERC will put the application process on hold until the August deadline for the "Letter of Support". This committee will continue to discuss the options. Doug has asked Rachel Lyn Rumson to come to a future meeting to provide more information.

Town Solar (Lauren)

The town select board gave the ERC the task of researching solar options. Lauren communicated with a representative of Competitive Energy Services who suggested that we provide his company with town energy bills for the purpose of assessing the town's needs and what the next steps might look like. Alicia will work with Sarah to procure the energy bills and forward to CES as the next step in this process.

Composting Project (Lauren)

Survey results: 29 responses, 18 yes they would purchase bin, 11 need more info. Lauren will connect with Maine Recovery Resource Assoc. to confirm the cost to ERC is still \$55 and that the minimum order is still 20. The ERC plans to offer the bins at a lower cost to those who commit to buying one.

Lower Village Project with RRCT and Community Group (Doug)

The group has met twice and discussed a Vision Statement. After discussion, the group determined that they need more information regarding the little league's plans for the land they own, and other potential recreational uses of the land around the ball fields by the town.

Public Gardens (Alicia)

Harpswell Invasive Plant Partnership is willing to do a presentation to the ERC which can be videotaped and made available to the public through the town website. The suggestion was made to use the Meeting House which is set up for video. Alicia will check with Sharlene for available dates, focusing on Thursday evenings in March.

Alicia presented to the group the Pollinator Garden Certificate. She will look into where the certificate can be displayed, and posting it on NGX. The need for a water source still needs to be addressed and Alicia will look into options for this.

New Business:

Brown Tail Moth season. Doug will contact Paul Larivee who may have some ideas for what the ERC can do to address concerns in the community, and actions we may take locally.

Next meeting date March 3, 2022 at 5:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

Respectively submitted by Diane Lamson, Secretary ERC