

ERC Minutes for February 2, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm

Members Present: Lauren Jordan, Diane Lamson, Noreen Williams, Laura Fralich, and Selectboard liaison Peter Bragdon, CRP service provider Rachel Lyn Rumson

Minutes of January - Motion to accept minutes as written was made by Laura, seconded by Noreen, and approved unanimously.

UPDATES:

Pollinator Garden Soil Test (Diane) Test results from UMaine Cooperative Extension service indicate the garden would benefit from lime to raise pH, and some compost to amend the soil. Peter will look into arranging for some compost. Any costs in this work to the garden will be included in next fiscal year budget, or may be covered by the public works dept budget.

Seed Giveaway The committee decided to order seeds from Pinetree Garden Seeds in New Gloucester, and agreed to a budget of \$200. The seed giveaway will be part of a larger event this year, tentatively late May, early June. This will be a combined project with the Friends of NG Library and may include a plant sale, garden book sale, demonstrations and more on backyard composting.

Town Recycling Research Noreen has been in contact with the Town Manager and is waiting for a detailed report on the town's current practices.

Community Resilience Partnership: Rachel Lyn Rumson reported on the results of the Jan 19th 'Community Conversation' event, which generated ideas regarding community concerns and priorities. She will condense all of the information gathered and come up with the top 6 Actions indicated by the community feedback.

A motion was made to have ERC co-host a series of movie nights themed around topics related to climate change. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

More information to come on regional meetings with the 3 involved communities in April

NEW BUSINESS:

Compost Bins 2023 Lauren will get the current prices of the bins, and also look into the possibility of including rain collection barrels this year. Peter agreed to work with the town manager regarding use of ERC funds for this project. All plans tentative until funding is worked out.

Next meeting date March 2, 2023 at 5:30pm

Respectively submitted by Diane Lamson, Secretary ERC