

Minutes of the Environmental Resources Committee June 3, 2021  
via Zoom

Present: Doug Smith, Alicia Howes, Sara Rodriguez, Lauren Jordan, Joanne McKee and guest: Christine Landes Town Manager.

The May minutes were approved and filed.

Parks and Recreation: Sarah: Programing is on the way. The status of the Rowe station baseball field and tennis courts is being reviewed. Members who attended workshops should submit the cost of the workshop to Sarah for reimbursement ASP. There is some money left in the account for our committee and we will consider how to spend it ASP before the accounting year closes out June 30th.

ERC work Plan: One third of the pollinators' garden and the area along the side fence remain to be weeded and we will schedule this shortly. Phoebe Hardesty received a note from someone saying that the plant signs cannot be read but she did not know if they are unreadable or that they are covered up by the plant. We will check. The long term work plan is tabled until after the election June 8th.

Community Fair Planning: Sarah will send Doug the application to fill out so we can participate. If Diane will let us use her tent and we already have long tables, set up should be easy. It would be helpful to know how much space we will have. Joanne listed some possible topics that we can provide information on but we may prefer to have one or two themes and also develop something for children to do. Joanne will send out her list and we can discuss what we will do before the July meeting.

For the next budget year we should all try to find workshops that would be helpful to our committee. As we find them, these can be added to the document that Sarah set up for us .Two sites to look at would be MOFGA and Maine Botanical Gardens. We might also wish to schedule another solar panel heat pump workshop for the community since a tax credit is still available for homeowners.

Recycling: Information from Ecomaine is not yet available. Preliminary evaluation by Christine showed that it would increase the town's expense by about \$50 more per load at MWAC. At this time the town is only getting money from recycling cans. Paper is sent to a facility that burns it for energy.

It is unknown if the recycling resolution that was given to the previous town manager was signed and approved by the Selectboard. The Maine State Legislature has brought out of conference a bill that makes companies responsible for recycling some of their products.

Lauren gave some information about other possibilities for recycling: Textile Recovery through Apparel Impact, Universal Waste through North Coast Services, WEcomposit, and Paintcare. Joanne said that we tried to get the town to set up PaintCare at the transfer station but ran into obstacles from the town.

This was also true with trying to set up WEComposit. Joanne will forward Lauren's information and what Joanne has on Paint Care and WEComposit to members. Tony also updated the "Don't Dump It Donate It" list that was available in the Library.

Lower Village Project: GNGLL ballfields project is on hold as they are looking at alternatives and respecting residents' concerns.

Trails and trail grants: Sarah is signed up to attend a workshop on applying for a grant for trails. Micheal Fralick on her REC committee has marked out some of the trail and will work with us on identifying trees etc and we will develop an ID card to be used by the public.

Town Forest: Christine told us that there is a management plan for the area and timber was harvested on it in 1990. This is on the next Selectmen's meeting agenda. We would like to be kept informed.

Steven's Brook Project: tabled

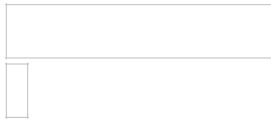
New Business:

Tony Hodgdon is resigning at the end of June. He is writing the yearly report and will send a copy to us for review. This is for 7/1/2020-6/30/2021 and is due in November.

Dick Allen will apply for his place. Marianne Tufts has an interest in our Committee will be invited to the July meeting.

The next meeting is July 1 at 5pm via Zoom.

Respectively submitted,  
Joanne McKee, Secretary

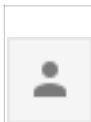




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**Lauren Jordan**

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