

## ERC Minutes for March 2, 2023

**Members Present:** Lauren Jordan, Diane Lamson, Noreen Williams, Laura Fralich, Sarah Kaplinger, Doug Smith, Sarah Rodrigues

**Minutes of February** - Motion to accept minutes with one change noted was made by Noreen, seconded by Sarah, and approved unanimously.

### UPDATES:

**Parks and Rec** Sarah R reported that the budget process is underway. The selectboard has decided to do away with the ERC budget and instead will use a 'selectboard committee fund' of \$2400 for all town committees. The ERC will have to request funds for approval as needed rather than having its own budget as in the past. Money to be given on a first come first served basis.

Laura suggested that there could be a specific process to follow which might include a fillable form to submit to the SB. Sarah will share this suggestion with the town manager.

**Seed Giveaway** Sarah R has ordered the seeds from Pinetree Garden Seeds in New Gloucester as determined at the last meeting. There was discussion regarding what the scope of this event would be. It was decided to scale back the event, partner with the Friends of NG Library and have a table at the June 11 book sale event. Plans will be discussed and finalized at the meetings in April and May.

**Apparel Impact Bin** Lauren reported that between Jan 2022 and Feb 2023 the bin collected 8880 pounds of materials. Diane will share this information with NGXchange so that the community is aware of the positive results of the AI bin.

**Town Recycling Research** The town manager has not gotten back to the ERC with any information on current policies and practices. Sarah R will ask the TM if she may review the relevant transfer station reports available through the town office.

**Community Resilience Partnership:** Doug attended the Gray public meeting which gathered the same community input information as the meeting held in New Gloucester. Durham has not had their public meeting as of this meeting. The next step is a 'Design Lab' bringing all 3 communities together for further discussion. The date for this is set for April 7 and 8

**Compost Bins 2023** The price for black plastic composters went from \$55 last year to \$70 this year. The committee discussed the options available and voted to offer the 3' lobster trap compost container priced at \$90ea. Lauren will approach the selectboard regarding funding to subsidize 20 composters for \$20 each, a total of \$400 being requested.

Next meeting date April 6, 2023 at 5:30pm

Respectively submitted by Diane Lamson, Secretary ERC