

Minutes of Environmental Resources Committee - Oct 7 2021

Present: Doug Smith, Diane Lamson, Sarah Rodrigues, Lauren Jordan, Laura Fralich

Meeting came to order at 5:37pm

September meeting minutes were approved

Parks and Recreation: Sarah updated the select board members on the Kids Club program
Remaining budget money is \$1050.00

Lake Association: Dick Allen was not present but informed Doug by phone that there was no pressing business to address.

Election of Officers: Diane Lamson was nominated and elected as ERC secretary

Recycling Proposal: Lauren

We Compost-It: The Select Board did not support our composting proposal for reasons including potential odor at the transfer station, security, and the annual fee of \$1200. It was suggested that we pivot our efforts to home composting.

Options were discussed and the decision made to bypass town involvement and work with Maine Resource Recovery Assoc (MRRA) to offer home compost bins (Earth Machine \$55) to the public through the ERC. Order is due by 4/2022. Lauren will contact Maine.gov.dep regarding grant money that may be available to defray costs for this program. Discussion regarding a public survey to gauge potential interest in home composting. Doug will follow through on this idea. Questions could include "Do you compost?" "If no, why?" and "would you be interested in composting?"

Textile Recovery: Lauren will present proposal to the Select Board at their next mtg on 10/18

Gardens:

Fall cleanup scheduled for 10/14 at 2:30. GNG Cheerleader group will be helping. Bulb planting to be scheduled. Bulbs have not been shipped yet.

Discussion regarding the possibility of ERC helping maintain the gardens at the Fire/Rescue facility. Tabled until next meeting when Alicia will be present.

ERC Work Plan: Doug expressed his opinion that the ERC doesn't need to do the work the LMRC is tasked with, but we do want to stay in communication with them at some level.

Lower Village Project Update: Doug met with Alan Sterns for discussion. It appears that access to the 200 acre parcel of land from the village is becoming a challenge as residents are resistant to offering public parking. Sarah suggests bringing the Town Planner into the discussion. Doug suggests a group from ERC and Park & Rec walk the property with Alan and see just what the issues are.

(Several Agenda items were tabled as it was getting close to 7pm)

New Business: Brief discussion on creating an ERC t-shirt

Next Meeting: November 4 5:30pm

Respectively Submitted - Diane Lamson (Secretary)