

Minutes of the Environmental Resources Committee May6, 2021
via Zoom

Present: Doug Smith, Diane Aromando, Alicia Howes Joanne McKee
Lauren Jordan, Sarah Rodriquez, Dick Allen

The meeting came to order at 5:00 pm via Zoom.

The April minutes were corrected under Lower Village Project so that the last sentence reads “The DEP is working with the Little League to review the proposed area”.

Minutes were then approved as corrected.

Parks and Recreation:

Sarah stated that the canoes and kayaks are at the fairgrounds and ready to borrow. Various field sports will begin shortly. Sarah will attend the virtual workshop on grants for recreational trails.

Applications are due Sept. 24th. The maximum award for regular projects is \$50,000 with eligible cost reimbursed up to 80%. Sarah will check with the temporary town planner, Paul First, to see if he can provide guidance and/or help with this.

Information about the Ecomaine recycling program is incomplete and will be given to our committee when it is available so the we may evaluate the program.

Sabbath Day Lake Assoc.: Dick said that the town has picked up the sand along Pond Road and other areas of concern. Chris Riccardi wrote a letter to the previous Town Manager, Fox-Howard, about the runoff of sand into the lake but has not received a response. Dick will apply to be on our committee as Tony Hodgdon will be resigning.

ERC work plan:

Long term: will review after the town meeting.

Fairgrounds: A work day is scheduled for 9am Thursday May 13. Weeding and some pruning will be done.

Seed distribution project: Turn out was not great with only 9 people signing up ahead of time. Some others came after seeing the information on the NGXchange the day before. Any left over seed packages and information were put in the library for people to take. Some packages are left and Doug will put a notice about this on the NGXchange.

Lower Village Project: The Grange Hall parcel is in the town warrant for approval at the June 8 voting day. The GNGLL is still working with the public to resolve concerns.

Workshop opportunities: We will watch for appropriate workshops and list them on the spread sheet. The spreadsheet also has to be updated by those who have attended recent workshops. MOFGA is one source of workshops as is the ME Botanical Garden and the ME Dept of Agriculture.

New Business:

The Community Fair will be held August 21 and our committee will participate. Various ideas were given for displays and will be discussed at a later date. Doug will ask the Fair Committee to allow us to participate at no cost.

If the updated comprehensive plan is approved at town meeting, at some point in the future, it was suggested that our committee and the Land Management Comm. meet to discuss common areas and goals.

Doug will set up a visit with the new Town Manager, Christine Landes.

When Committee reports and updates are called for at the Selectboard meetings, from time to time Doug and/or Sarah will give a short update on our projects or workshops that we have attended. Doug will send the Selectboard advance notice of these via email so questions can be asked. Selectboard members will be reminded that our minutes are posted on the town's website.

The next meeting will be June 3, 2021 at 5 pm via Zoom.
The meeting ended at 6 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Joanne McKee, Secretary