

## Minutes of the Environmental Resources Committee Aug.5,2021

Present: Douglas Smith, Diane Aromando, Alicia Howes, Sarah Rodriques, Dick Allen, Joanne McKee, Paul Larrivee

The meeting came to order at 5:44 pm.

The July minutes were approved and filed.

Parks and Recreation: Sarah

Money is available for various projects. Members were asked to submit invoices for items spent for the fair to her as soon as possible for reimbursement. Because the Town has a tax free account with Amazon and others, it was recommended that all purchases be done through Sarah to simplify reimbursement.

Sabbathday Lake Association: Dick

A training program was done by the Association for volunteers to monitor the waters for invasive species. It is hoped to expand this program for all other bodies of water in New Gloucester.

Community Fair planning: The Fair is from 9-3. Aug. 21st. Set up time starts at 7:30. Diane will bring the tent at that time. The rest of us will be there at 8. All must be finished setting up by 8:45. Lists of items that members will bring was reviewed and adjusted. The new list will be sent to members separately from the minutes.

Recycling: 3 proposals to review developed by Lauren Jordan.

These would help reduce the tonnage going into the compacter thus total cost to the town saving all tax money.

1. Apparel Impact: Suggestions were given by members as possible places to put the bins needed for this: town hall, transfer station, school. Sarah will check if this may be possible at Memorial school.

The proposal will be given to Lauren for a final editing with suggestions as to where to place the bins and a list of materials that can be recycled. Paul is willing to bring this to the select board and also to the Town Manager.

2. WECOMPOSTIT: Suggestions for placing the bins included those previously mentioned besides the transfer station since there might not be a good place there. Paul was again willing to bring this proposal forward to the Town Manager and Select Board.

3. PAINTCARE: Last time this was put forward by the committee, the Town Manager and Town Attorney were hesitant to sign a contract with PaintCare. This can be tried one time perhaps at the annual free trash day at the transfer station. Sherwin Williams and others also will recycle used paint. This will be tabled for the time being.

ERC work plan implementation strategy:

Doug distributed a list of the tasks from the Comp plan that ERC is involved in and, at the September meeting, each member will prioritize 3 items that they are most interested in with possibly being the leader of one of their chosen items.

New Business:

Election of offices in September.

Joanne will be resigning before the September meeting.

Paul will see if the committee's membership can return to the 8 members from the reduced number of 6.

Weeding of the fairgrounds before the Fair will be Wed. the 18th at 8:30 with a rain date of Thursday the 19th.

Bulbs that were ordered will be planted in various places when they arrive in October.

The remainder of the agenda was tabled.

The next meeting is September 2 at 5:30 in the Community building.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Joanne McKee, Secretary