

Minutes of Environmental Resource Committee - Nov 4, 2021

Present: Doug Smith, Diane Lamson, Alicia Howes, Sarah Rodrigues, Dick Allen, Lauren Jordan, Laura Fralich, Paul Larivee

Meeting came to order 5:30 pm in the meeting room at the library

Selectboard Meeting - Paul reported on the solar power vendor presentation and the possibility of municipal buildings going to solar power. Projected savings of \$3000 annually. This idea is largely citizen motivated. The suggestion was made that the ERC would assist in researching various companies programs, costs etc. Next Select board meeting is 11-15 where ERC could be charged with this project.

Lower village project - a group is being put together to further study options for development and access to this piece of land. Doug has recruited Paul to join the group, and asked if any other members were interested. Diane volunteered to do so.

October Minutes approved without change

Parks and Rec Update (Sarah) Turkey Trot event this month might be an opportunity for ERC to hand out information on current projects. ERC funds available \$839

Lakes Association Update (Dick) Recent water quality tests were very good. There is concern about milfoil in surrounding lakes. ERC is invited to participate next year in invasive water species training and monitoring.

Apparel Impact plan (Lauren) Board approved 6 month trial of 1 bin at the transfer station, with delivery expected sometime this month. Input given on initial draft of informational flyer, clarifying the difference between AI bin and Salvation Army bin. Discussion on how to get the word out - NGX, paper flyers, display on tv before town meetings. ERC members will try to be at the transfer station to help educate people interested in the Apparel Impact Bin

Composting proposal (Lauren) We reviewed the on-line/paper survey and all agreed the questions were appropriate, with some discussion whether the price of the bin should be included. Consideration of ERC subsidising as much as \$20 per bin for 20 bins.

Gardens Update (Alicia) Fairgrounds cleanup complete, GNG cheerleaders very helpful. Alicia, Doug and Joanne McKee planted the bulbs. Doug will put some extras at Rowe Station park.

ERC Work Plan: After discussion it was concluded that the ERC is already involved in many of the project areas on the comp plan list. There is general interest in more involvement in the area of invasive species, both for personal knowledge and for future public education.

Workshops: Diane discussed a zoom workshop offered by GNG Adult Ed, and presented by EcoMaine on 'Where our recycling goes'. The free workshop was 1 hour and very informative.

Meeting Adjourned 6:50pm

Next Meeting Dec 2 2021 at 5:30

Minutes submitted by Diane Lamson, Secretary ERC

