

ERC Minutes for October 6, 2022

Members Present: Lauren Jordan, Doug Smith, Diane Lamson, Noreen Williams, Sarah Fitzpatrick

Minutes of August 2022- Lauren motioned to approve August minutes with no changes, seconded by Noreen. All members voted in favor of the motion (The Sept meeting was canceled therefore there are no Sept minutes)

Parks and Rec update - Sarah was not present to provide update

Update: Lower Village Project: (Doug) The town now has the deed to the Grange Hall Road property. The parcel needs some clearing and tree work. ERC will look into engaging the town in the process of using the land.

Update: Pollinator Garden Work - We decided as a group that we would not cut back or mulch the garden this fall. Next spring ERC will ask the town to supply organic matter/compost to amend the soil and will also add nutrients as determined by the soil test.. In April of 2023 we will make a list of all tasks that need to be done.

Update: Solar Array Options -ERC will put together a spreadsheet of information that has been gathered and give that to selectboard liaison Peter Bragdon

Update - Community Resilience Partnership: (Doug) Rachel Lyn Rumson is still waiting for the state to announce recipients of the grant money.

Update/Debrief Community Fair booth: The general consensus was that the topics presented were well received, and the compost bin raffle a success.

Update - Apparel Impact Bin: Lauren has sent a report via email to committee members. The town has agreed to continue offering the bin for public donations at the transfer station.

Future Gardening Class at Library - (Noreen) This is a joint project with the Friends of NGPL. The plan is to present 5 or so topic presentations over the year. Noreen is in contact with the UMaine Cooperative Extension Service regarding materials, topics, etc.

Town Recycling - There was group discussion on the current town recycling practice, what we would like to see, and how to move forward. Sarah F will write up a questionnaire that could be available to the public for their input. We agreed to discuss this with Selectboard liaison Peter Bragdon at the next meeting.

New Business: Discussion on providing more education regarding invasive plants and Monarch habitat in the coming months.

Next meeting date Nov 3, 2022 at 5:30pm

Respectively submitted by Diane Lamson, Secretary ERC