

Minutes of the Environmental Resource Committee July 11, 2019

Present: Douglas Smith, Trudy Hodgdon, Tony Hodgdon, Joanne McKee, Morgan Rocheleau, Diane Aromando

The meeting came to order at 10 am. The minutes of the June meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's report: Morgan stated that for this fiscal year we have a budget of \$500. Since he will have the accounting for this, we decided that no additional treasurer was needed. All bills are to be given to Morgan, who will then approve them and pass them on to be paid. A reminder that state tax is not reimbursed but the town's tax free number can be presented when making a purchase.

The date of August 13th at 9 am was set to meet with the DEP and IFWL to view the erosion problems on Snow Hill Road. Wendy Garland from DEP, a representative from IFWS, Doug, the town manager, the Code Enforcement Officer, the Director of Public Works and a representative of Sabbathday lake Assoc. plus any other members interested will attend. Doug will notify Bill Morrison about the meeting. IFWL is interested because of smelt runs.

The Selectmen have approved the Royal River Conservation Trust's plan to purchase 180 acres. No funding from the town is involved. The area will be open for all recreational activities and cannot be used for anything else in the future. At our September 12th meeting, Mark Power from RRCT will be invited to attend to discuss possible plans for the area that might involve our committee. At our October meeting, Scott Hastings will obtain our input from the RRTC meeting and review the Comprehensive Plan with us.

Fairgrounds; New plantings were put in, mulched and labeled. Most trees along the water district driveway were pruned and mulched. More information sheets about the various plants were added to the

mailbox. More mulch needs to be added to the plantings done last fall and weeding and pruning is still needed in the pollinators' garden. This will be scheduled sometime between 7/31-8/5.

Morgan stated that a plan for trails must be developed by September 1. It can be marked later and identification markers can be added later.

Display for the community Fair August 17th: Set up of the display and items to use in the display were decided upon. We must be completely set up by 9am. Morgan will let us know what time we can begin setting up and if a table will be provided.

Membership: Diane Aromando has agreed to sign up to join our committee. At the fair, we will encourage people to sign up for the committee or work as volunteers for various projects.

New business: The Fralich family will be hosting a "Return to Nature Day' 8/24 from 2-6 so people can explore the new preserve they have established.

Morgan stated that some ATVS are not using proper access to the Rowe Stations tennis court area. Morgan and Doug will walk the land to access the use of the land by off roaders. The area consists of 32 acres. The committee's input may be needed in this area at some point.

The Twisted Nickel at the upper corner collects returnable bottles and the money used from these goes to the Recreation Dept. for their various programs.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50. A reminder that there is no August meeting.

Respectively submitted,
Joanne McKee, Secretary

