

Minutes of the Environmental Resource Committee Nov. 19, 2020 via Zoom

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

The meeting came to order at 6:00 pm.

Minutes of the October meeting were correct and then approved. The corrected copy will be sent to members and to Sharlene to post on the ERC website.

Sarah Rodriguez was welcomed as our liaison to the selectmen. She has incorporated our proposed 2021-2022 budget into the Parks and Rec proposed budget as a separate line item.

Dick Allen was welcomed as the liaison to the Sabbathday Lake Association. Chris Riccardi told Dick that he still has not received a response from emails to the town about work and funds for the erosion problems. Since there is a new town manager, it was suggested the emails be resent. The town was responsive is cleaning a catch basin on Shaker Hill Road when the owner nearby requested it.

Review of the Comprehensive Town Plan: Members suggested several areas where our committee would or could potentially be involved along with time lines recommended. Doug will write up the summary and give it to Scott Hastings.

Lauren has posted information on crazy worms on the NGXchange. Suggestions were given to her for additional postings. She will check the NGXchange archive for articles done in the past and will post some of those. She will also work on an article on the impact on trails with more people using them since the pandemic. Additional articles will be suggested by members at the Jan. meeting.

Tony and Trudy have written the annual report for 2019-2020 and will send it to us to review and then send it on to Sharlene by the end of November.

Alicia has submitted the information to the master gardeners association for registering the fairground pollinators' garden. She expected to hear back within 10 weeks.

Doug will send us information from the Natural Resources Council of Maine about recycling reform in Maine that would hold corporations accountable. This information will be forwarded to all when received from Doug.

A There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be Thursday Jan. 14th at 6 pm via zoom.

Respectively submitted,
Joanne McKee, Secretary