

Minutes of the Environmental Resource Comm. April 1, 2021

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

The meeting came to order via Zoom at 5:15 pm.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved and filed.

Parks and Recreation: Sarah said that the BSM approved \$1300 for our budget for 2020-2022. Rec programs for the Spring are set to go. The Town Fair, tentatively scheduled for 8/21, will be before the select board at the next meeting. If approved, the ERC will participate.

No one from the Rec Comm. was able to attend the zoom class on turf management but the information is now online for review in the future.

ERC work plan: Doug sent us information that broke down the Comprehensive Plan into areas that effect us and a time line for these.

In future meetings we will discuss these and prioritize them, as well as who will take the lead on each one.

SLA: Doug sent a letter to the Town Manager about the sand problem after talking with Ted Shane from the PWD, who recommended this course. The Town manager's last date is April 5th and no temporary Town Manager has been designated at this point. Sarah volunteered to talk to Ted about this. Sweeping and picking up sand has not been done as of this date. Doug suggested that Chris Riccardi send a letter to the Selectboard about this and Dick will tell Rick this.

Seed project: Sarah has put a poster about this on the Rec website with request for registrations. If not enough people sign up from this site, it will be put on the NGXchange site Friday April 9th.

Alicia, Diane and Joanne felt that 5 long tables would be needed. Paper work is ready to be copied. Doug was asked to bring the poster about the ERC to put up. Members will help with set up and to answer questions of participants.

Lower Village Project: Allen Stearn will go before the Select Board at the April 5th meeting to see if the town will accept the Grange Hall Road parcel for it to be saved as a conservation parcel. At this meeting, citizen's concerns about light,

noise, traffic and trails at the proposed GNG Little League balls will also be heard. DEP has not reviewed the areas as of this date.

Public education: We found that putting displays up at the library has not been very effective in the past. With new librarians perhaps a better space can be arranged. It was thought the most effective way to provide information is through the NGXchange and one of the reporters for the regional Portland Press, who Lauren will contact.

Lauren also agreed to put something on the NGXchange about Earth Day April 22. Dark Sky week is also April 5 -12th but can also be other months during the year. If members find articles about the environment, please forward them to Lauren for possible posting.

Alicia attended the Zoom class today on establishing trees in the urban landscape. The instructor was from Cornell University. She will send us a summary.

Doug and Diane have continued to attend the permaculture classes.

Doug will send a note a thanks and appreciation to Scott Hastings, the town planner, who is leaving April 15.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm  
The next meeting is Thursday May 6th at 5 pm.

Respectively submitted,  
Joanne McKee, Secretary