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Minutes of the Environmental Resource Committee
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Present: Tony Hodgdon:vice chair, Trudy Hodgdon, Diane Aromando, Morgan Rocheleau, Joanne McKee

The meeting came to order at 10 am. Minutes from the July meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's report: No funds have been spent to date for this year.

Doug Smith was absent so unable to report of the meeting with the DEP and town officials about the erosion problem around Sabbathday Lake as well as the Royal River Conservation Trust's walk on the project in the lower village. A second walk is planned for Sat. Sept. 21.

Morgan and Doug have walked the old Interurban trail and found most of it is still accessible. Their interest was in trying to find an alternate for access to the area from the tennis courts on Rowe Station as there has been some damage to the gully there with unauthorized access to the Interurban trail.

Community fair participation: Much of the information that we had available was distributed. Several people signed up as potential volunteers for some of our projects. Doug will bring the list to the October meeting. It is most likely that the fair will be put on next year but the date is indefinite. The fair made a profit for the committee.

Fairgrounds : The federal gov. has approved the work done under the grant and has signed off from the project.
No immediate plans or funds are available to put curbing on the sides of the handicapped walk. In the Spring, the plantings to date will be further mulched to include the incline on the side of the walk and other plantings will be put on the other side.
Fall crocuses have arrived and will be planted by Joanne. The other bulbs ordered will arrive in October and will be planted when a final

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clean up day and mulching of gardens is scheduled. Hopefully some of the new potential volunteers will be able to help with this.

Parks and Recreation is looking into further improvements: a permanent grill, benches by the playground, recycling trash cans, information kiosks, possibly widening the gate entrance but not the road.

When the trail is established we will be asked to identify and mark items of interest and provide a guide.

Trudy will write the annual report and submit it for our review and then send it to Sharlene in the town hall.

None of the members had any problems or suggestions about the Committee By-laws.

It was decided not to keep a tabulation of our hours except for special projects.

Our next display at the library will be in November dealing with recycling/reusing unusual items. Joanne provided a potential list of some sites.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50.

Respectively submitted,
Joanne McKee, Secretary