

ATTENDEES: EC: Ellen Benoit, Margo Biblin, Sarah Hare, Lori Ostrzyzek, Monica Sobon, Phyllis Strohmeier; GT: Claire Arcaro. Meeting started at 7:02 pm

MINUTES: June 21 minutes motioned S.Hare, L.Ostrzyzek, approved yea 6, nay 0

DISCUSSION NOTES

Clean Communities

— Weather Permitting, clean up is set for Friday, July 21, at 11am Foundry Road. Grabbers, vests, gloves, plastic bags and form and sign-in will be supplied.

ACTIONS – Determine if the county or town is responsible for cleaning up by the Park and Ride [Sarah]

Hope Day 2023 Picnic, Saturday, September 9

— Displays planned: Upcycling Table, Books give-away, Public Information and Engagement Information Binder, National Wildlife Federation Community Action Program, Rain Garden

— Warren County Sheriffs will bring Project Medicine Drop

— Give-away may be native seeds in a small recycled-paper envelope

ACTIONS – Upcycling: Check what you have or can make to bring, and reach out to anyone who might want to display something; post a call for items on facebook

– P.I.E.: Create an informational binder [Margo]

– Rain Garden: Create a poster to advertise the rain garden at the school

– Have Green Fair Save-the-Date cards and Yard Sale Forms for distribution

– Request a table for Citizens for Sustainable Development

Green Fair: “Go Green with Hope” April 27, 2024

ACTIONS – Reserve Tacos Chicas and Humpty Jr food trucks

– Follow up with Bonnie Eamigh to do the Craft Market again

– Meet with science teacher

Grants: Always seeking grant leads from everyone

— WC CHPP-1 One of the first videos may be on the Long House with Mio French for History; Speaker Series also considered

— WC CHPP-2 awaiting outcome from grant proposals for computer and projector

ACTIONS – WC-CHPP1- Meet with Terry and Emily to open and set up video project; Follow up with Patti Doehl for the speaker series [Sarah, Monica]

– Highlands Council Grant: Follow Up with Planning Board Meeting in September to support removal of warehouses as a conditional use; Make recommendations for conditional uses that should be included; Mention how other towns are sharing Planners

– Rutgers Rain Garden at School will need the occasional weed pull

National Wildlife Federation — Community Habitat Program “Hope for Wildlife”:

— Work continues towards certification points and registered properties.

ACTIONS – Request everyone associated with EC-GT look into certifying their home property <https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/Certify> \$20

– Certify the School, SMP, Trout Alley, The Municipal Building, Grange, Community Center, Firehouse

Swayze Mill Park

- Gazebo garden still waiting for brush to be burned. We have bags of wildflower seeds donated by Peggy Schaedel and Jutta Jansen

Agricultural Development Board Application

- 525 slaughter application continuing

ACTIONS – Be present at next meeting TBD to question and to present letter/exhibits.

Conditional Use / Master Plan / Climate Change

- Folder is set, “Introduction” the first section available

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1VjaxvoVvjt6Zfok3UvqecTREZ_91QguG?usp=sharing

Review “Introduction” the first section available

ACTIONS – Make recommendations for conditional uses that should be included

ANJEC Great Waters Resolution

- Township Committee has passed the resolution to the Planning Board. We will not move to present until after September

ACTIONS – Resend the Great Waters Resolution to the EC-GT for another evaluation.

– Clarify with Alan Hunt those issues brought up by the Township and EC-GT Members

Warehouses/Truck Traffic

ACTIONS – Attend Rally and White Planning Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 8.

Speaker Series

ACTIONS – Follow up with Patti Doehl to determine if, when and how to do a presentation [Sarah].

Membership

- EC member Raymond Ayers has requested to move to the Green Team. A search is underway for a new EC member

ADJOURNMENT: at 8:29 PM. Motioned by M.Biblin, E.Benoit; approved yea 7, nay 0