

The April 24, 2017 Green Space Committee Meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by our President, Margaret Williford. Those in attendance were Joan Solbeck, Ausra Zarins, Barbara Vanecko and Sandy Komaskinski.

Our guest for the meeting was Candace Smith representing ERG. Candace explained ERG's idea of cleaning up a Green Space lot in Beverly Shores this coming September or October to improve the site and rid it of invasive plant species. She feels that this project would be in keeping with Green Space's efforts to preserve open space in the town for perpetuity. ERG would promote such an event for Volunteer Days and would make the project open to any town residents wishing to participate. Ausra had just completed and passed out a listing of the 17 parcels of land in town which have been donated to Green Space to date. We discussed highly visible lots which Candace preferred and decided on our lots 10, 11, or 17 as possibilities. Candace and her committee will now view the lots and decide on a preference. We said we would try to help with publicity for the event. Barbara suggested that a write up on Candace be published in Sand Tracks to promote the ERG and Green Space working in tandem. Barbara agreed to contact Susan Nichols, a writer for Sand Tracks.

In further business, a listing of 7 criteria for accepting land donations to the Town of Beverly Shores through its Green Space Committee was presented by Margaret. The new list was created to bring together the ordinance and the actual practices being followed. A copy of this list will be filed with the minutes. Margaret explained the property tax problems which had occurred with two of our properties. (Ganz and Lisle). Margaret has worked on resolving the issues with the owners of the donated land and explained how our new procedures would eliminate future problems from occurring.

The third item of business was discussing a plan to reach out to property owners for potential donations to Green Space. Margaret volunteered to update our prior letters which we will peruse at our May meeting on the 22nd.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00AM.

Barbara Vanecko

Secretary

