

The December 14, 2020 Green Space Committee Meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by our President, Margaret Williford. It was conducted as an electronic Team Meeting Those in attendance were Sandy Komasinski, Barbara Vanecko, Ausra Zarins, Joan Solbeck and our Town Council Liaison, Susan Loeb. Once again we had a short agenda.

Margaret reported that Annette Young had convened a meeting with ERG to see if there was interest in ERG working with Green Space to help steward some of our Green Space lots which have been previously donated and are presently under our stewardship. Lots donated to Green Space are considered to be Town Property.

ERG would have a work day with their volunteers working with Green Space volunteers to identify and remove invasive species and in general clean up the lots identified to be part of the project.

Things to be considered would be waivers of liability for work day volunteers. Of course we would need guidance from the Town Council as to the approach they would like to take.

We discussed and considered various aspects of this project and Susan Loeb felt we should bring a plan to the attention of the Town Council. Ausra asked us to look at what the plan would look like in terms of our having a goal. Margaret felt like we should rely on Terry Bonace and his expertise in invasives; ERG has previously identified a list as slated for removal. Sandy mentioned that we should discuss this with the ABSR Environmental Committee as well. Susan brought us back to the question as to what we would be attempting to do? We suggested that ERG wants us to publicize ourselves in the community as to how we are stewarding our own lands. We give our expertise as an example of caring for our land.

Susan suggested that Margaret and Terry present together. We would propose to the Town Council and they would have to approve. Our ordinance allows the Town Council to make decisions on the land. We would be addressing plans for stewardship as well as how we would handle succeeding entities. We would also want to possibly involve Shirley Heinze.

We also continue to work toward getting more donations. Condition of the title reports seems to be the issue for many lots. The town cannot accept any lots as donations if the land is encumbered with liens or back taxes.

Sandy will try to make a first draft for presenting Green Space to new families in town. Joan mentioned that making Green Space more visible in town would raise our profile if our stewardship issue is underway and can prove itself.

The next meeting of the Green Space Committee will be held on Monday, February 22, 2021, at 10:00 AM. The meeting will be conducted electronically.

Our meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM .

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Vanecko