The February 22, 2021 Green Space Committee Meeting was called to order as a Microsoft Team virtual meeting at 10:00AM by our President, Margaret Williford. Those members in attendance were Sandy Komasinski, Joan Solbeck, Barbara Vanecko and Ausra Zarins. Our Town Council Liaison, Susan Loeb, and the Beverly Shores Clerk Treasurer, Ellen Hundt, were also present.

We unanimously approved the minutes from our November 25, 2019 and our December 14, 2020 meetings.

Sandy Komasinski presented an article intended for our Sand Tracks edition in April, spotlighting Green Space purposes as well as some plans for a potential future joint program with The Beverly Shores ERG committee. Ideas for a program with ERG will be presented by our President, Margaret Williford and ERG’s President, Terry Bonace. to our Town Council for their ideas and approval at their meeting on March 16th, 2021. Such a program would intend to jointly steward some Green Space donated lots. An outline of the roles and objectives of both organizations will be presented explaining how we would see working together, post pandemic, to help the Town from an environmental and conservation point of view.

The overarching goal when we present to the Town Council is to explain our stewardship goal to use our lots as a demonstration on how to responsibly care for lots. freeing them from invasive species. By networking with other non-profits, we can expand our goals to help our community learn and care for our environment.

If a “work day” concept might be organized to perform our stewardship duties, the idea of making it a “field trip” instead with a bag lunch and some educational hand outs for participants might be something to consider. The Town would need to advise us on any waivers which would be needed to allow participation.

Recognizing that the existing non-profits have different goals we could endeavor to incude other groups in our future plans. Shirley Heinze might be a group to consider. ERG is discussing working on grants to finance some future plans. Tyson LaGoni notified Green Space of his thoughts on potentially expanding some of Shirley Heinze hiking trails to traverse some Green Space lotsl It was felt that such plans would involve the BS Plan Commission and their Comprehensive Plan.

The next meeting of the Green Space Committee will be held on Monday, April 26, 2021, at 10:00 AM via Microsoft Team. Our meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Vanecko