

Swanzy Open Space Committee Minutes

- Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Attending: Jeanne Thieme, Katherine Feist, Sara Carbonneau, Beverly Bernard, Judy Hildebrandt, Deb Crowder, Theresa Diluzio, Anne McBride

~Anne McBride from the Monadnock Conservancy 20 mins. (?)

Grant being submitted to ARM grant from DES. There is \$ for restoration of land projects. Doug Beckett sent some info. Doug or Jan will try to come to Con Com next week. We need a letter from both OSC (& Con Com (Deb will write both.) to support the application. Use The Brown Farm Project.

Some thoughts to include (by Doug)-

- That is part of the OS plan
- Project will include buffers
- Will allow for planting flood plain trees
- Restoring and repairing the shoreline- planting native plants

Jeanne took the information and it is due Sept 1 to DES ARM committee. We will decide who will do it. Anne will follow up with particulars.

~Report on Aug.7th at the Farmer's Market - Sara -Theresa 5 mins.

Went with Ryan Owens and Pat Paine & Suzanne Whittimore- to help with the MC booth. Conversations with people who were in office and some who want to be. Ryan had conversation with Jim Rubineer of the Sentinel about featuring OSC. A lot of people who were interested in the booth and conservation easements. They are going to do something at the Walpole Farmers market as well.

~Walk for Animals Sept. 11th-Jeanne (5 mins.)

Victoria will be there with Ike who will lead the parade (and the boys will watch)

9:15-2pm to set up tables

Deb & Judy & Sara can be there- Theresa until the parade

Kath has a tent if it is needed,

Great opportunity for TRF info

Victoria & Sara will email those who are attending

Tippin' Rock Farm - is the priority project right now. 60 mins.

Would the Domina's be interested in marking the trail to the ledges and the rock and the pond? We will talk about that further at another time.

~Grant progress? – Sara

Talked to Ryan he is the next to finish the Fields Pond Grant

~Big Ask reorganized- Katherine & Jeanne

Discussed reorganization of the Big Ask.

~Corn-O-Meter - A plan

Bev will be the project coordinator.

TASKS

1. Pick a date for the corn-o-meter unveiling~ August 24th 5:30pm – Celebratory Kick off
2. Letter to people who have given to the hay fund, town boards, TRF abutters, easement celebration attendees.. 250 people
~What does this letter say? Invitation to the event in front of town hall
Letter would describe the TRF project (perhaps a brochure enclosed), what the corn-o-meter is and an invite to the unveiling (date)
(a tear off for donations) - Jeanne & Deb
2. Addressing and stuffing envelopes with this letter asap- Jeanne and Katherine
3. Personally contact selectmen to be present at the unveiling.-Theresa
4. Contact Victoria re: bringing Ike-Jeanne
5. Write a press release or LTE to put in the Shopper News and Sentinel explaining the project with an invite to the corn-o-meter unveiling (mention that Ike would be there)
Theresa
6. Co-ordinate some munchies for the event - maybe lemonade and cookies (Sara has paper goods) Judy
7. Set up the Corn-o-Meter right before the event - Deb, Larry and maybe Mike T. or F.? hay bales, & corn stalks- Mike Lily to be asked to help.
8. Take a pic of Ike, Select Board, OSC members and other people around the Corn-O-Meter to send to Sentinel after the event with a press release as a follow-up. Judy – Bev (Someone else could take the picture)

Motion to adjorn-

Feist 2nd DiLuzio

Submitted by Katherine Feist