

Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire  
**Open Space Committee (OSC)**  
Meeting Minutes – December 17, 2014

**Present at Meeting:** Chair Thieme called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Chair Thieme, Beverly Bernard, Karen Sielke, Mary Farnsworth, Selectmen’s Representative Kenneth P. Colby, Jr. Alternate Victoria Reck Ames. Thieme seated Ames for DiLuzio.

**Absent:** Sharon Greatbatch, Theresa DiLuzio, Bob McElvey, Alternate Deb Crowder, and Alternate Judith Hildebrandt.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Donation to the Rail Trail**

A brief discussion occurred regarding the desire of the Committee to donate funds toward restoration of the Rail Trail. Rail Trail Restoration Manager Bruce Bohannon was present to talk about the need for repairs to bridges on the Rail Trail. He said two bridges are in need of repairs to decking and side rails. Bohannon provided an estimate of \$1,475.06 for the repairs. There was a brief discussion regarding the need for repairs as a safety issue.

**Buttons**

As a follow-up to the regular OSC meeting, Ames informed the Committee that the new buttons will cost \$390.15, including shipping.

The Chair noted that the remaining funds in the OSC 2014 budget after the donation for Rail Trail repairs and purchase of buttons will be \$812.29 which, if not spent by year end, will be returned to the General Fund.

The Committee agreed that the expenditure was worthwhile considering safety concerns for the Rail Trail.

**Motion** was made by Sielke to donate \$1475.06 toward restoration of the Rail Trail. The motion was seconded by Bernard and there was no further discussion. All were in favor. **Motion passed.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ames **moved** to adjourn; Farnsworth seconded the motion and all were in favor. **Motion passed.** Adjournment occurred at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beverly Bernard, Recording Secretary