

## **Minutes of Open Space Committee Meeting – September 12, 2012**

**Attending:** Ken Colby, Judy Hildebrandt, Deb Crowder, Sharon Greatbatch, Theresa DiLuzio, Beverly Bernard, Paula Shank, and visitors Bob McElvey and Ann McBride

**Absent:** Jeanne Thieme, Katherine Feist

### **Items:**

1. Ann McBride from the Monadnock Conservancy requested our help to acquire an easement for West Hill/California Brook Natural Area which has some 200+ acres in Swanzey and more in Chesterfield and Keene. She requested a letter of support at this time. Motion made by Bev Bernard to write a letter of support, seconded by Theresa. All in favor. Deb and Theresa will write it. Theresa will send the OSC letter to Bev and she will insert the OSC logo.
2. Bev brought in new trail signs. Jeanne will put up signs for Carroll's Hill, Deb will do Tippin Rock. Needs to get done before the hike on Carroll's Hill. We will be using existing trailhead posts.
3. Plan NH – Charette, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Time hasn't been published yet for public attendance. Motion by Judy to support the event with Flat Ike. Sharon seconded, all were in favor. The committee can provide a recommendation as a group. We will discuss in October with everyone contributing ideas.
4. Digital frame for Gomarlo's ready to go. Bev will work on Town Hall digital frame and screensavers. Theresa and Bev will bring first digital frame to Gomarlo's tomorrow. Will be there for the month.
5. ARM fund – Aquatic Mitigation Resource fund – approximately \$60,000 paid into fund and need projects to protect wetlands and waterways in order to obtain funds. State makes awards. Motion made by Deb Crowder to pursue collaboration with the Conservation Commission and invite Peter Throop to discuss the possibility of an inventory of resources that would qualify. ConComm meets first Monday of the month at 4pm at Town Hall. Paula seconded the motion. All were in favor. Theresa will call Peter to see if he is available. Then we will ask to be put on the agenda to attend the ConComm meeting.
6. OSC brochure is being worked on by Victoria. Several folks contributed edits.
7. Bench update – estimate \$400 each. Sharon hasn't pursued real estimates. Wood should be hemlock. We would want one at Tippin Rock and one for the view at Carroll's Hill. Theresa will ask a logger about creating a bench.
8. OSC got a thank you from the Selectmen for the \$2000 gift for the Rail Trail.
9. Theresa will check on details for Harris Center Hike. We won't be doing a separate Fall hike.
10. Katherine's party – September 19 at 5pm. Pot luck and walking stick presentation and show Bev's DVD and give to Katherine. Significant others invited.

Adjournment at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted

Beverly Bernard